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ITALY SEEKS PARITY WITH FRANCE.

FRANCE INDICATES HER NAVAL AMBITION.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF THE NAVAL CONFERENCE.

REAL TASK NOT BEGUN.

The Naval Conference has not yet begun its real task, and there is little prospect of a start being made until the various delegations have thrashed out their points of disagreement. On the contrary, there is no reason to suppose that the proceedings are otherwise than in accordance with schedule. Patience must be the watchword for the present.

At the first plenary session of the Conference held yesterday, it became obvious that the differences between France and Italy will be one of the biggest obstacles to overcome. Signor Grandi made it perfectly clear that Italy is prepared to go the whole way in disarmament, provided her navy is as strong as that of any other Continental Power, France being indicated, France is endeavouring to make out a case for a big navy.

BRITISH ACCESS TO THE WORLD.

London, Jan. 23.
The London Naval Conference held its first plenary meeting this morning at St. James's Palace. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald presided. It was decided to set up a committee composed of all the members of the conference, which will, therefore, meet in two forms—as a plenary meeting to give effect to the recommendations of the committee and as a working committee.

Sub-committees will be set up on the decision of the whole conference. Each delegation was then invited to make a statement of its general views upon the position of its country in relation to naval armaments.

Anglo-American Parity.

Mr. H. L. Stimpson (United States) said he had decided not to make any statement to-day regarding American naval requirements. These were well understood. They had been cheerfully recognised by the nation which was host to the conference and which had, through its Premier, agreed that equality in naval power between the United States and Great Britain was the basis upon which they could best promote the beneficent purpose of this conference. He believed the requirements of the national defence of the various nations were necessarily largely relative to the general conditions of the world and, therefore, if this conference could find a way whereby a general reduction could be secured the United States Navy could be likewise reduced.

Australia's Needs.

Mr. Fenton (Australia) referred to the peculiarly remote situation of Australia, its 12,000 miles of coastline, and its distance from the principal world markets to which it sent large quantities of primary produce.

Colonel Rolleston (Canada) felt that no statement was necessary regarding the Canadian naval service.

M. Tardieu (France) set forth the geographical, economic and military facts upon which France's naval needs were based. The most important geographical factors were that French coastlines and harbours were dispersed on three seas. French overseas territories constituting the second biggest colonial empire were dispersed throughout the world with a total of 33,850 nautical miles of lines of communication. The home and colonial coastline of France aggregated 18,109 kilometres.

The chief economic factor was France's extensive trade with her overseas territories and foreign countries.

Military Outlook.

From a military viewpoint, unless larger forces than were necessary were maintained in the sea-

COLLEGE OPENED BY GOVERNOR.

ADEQUATE STAFFS A NECESSITY.

H.E.'S WARNING AGAINST EXCESSIVE AMBITION.

GRANT CONDITIONS.

Speaking at the opening of the Ying Wah College building at Mongkok this morning, H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) issued a warning of the danger of attempting to conduct an Upper School without adequate staff.

His Excellency said brilliant results in public examinations were only commendable if at the same time the rest of the school were adequately provided for and efficiently conducted. It was only on such conditions, he said, that schools could be recommended by the Education Department for assistance from public funds.

On arrival His Excellency, who was accompanied by Mr. J. Barrow, Private Secretary, was met by the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., and members of the Board of Management. After inspecting the troop of Boy Scouts attached to the School, His Excellency, on being handed a gold key, unlocked the door of the premises and in doing so declared the School open "to the Glory of God and the Advancement of Learning."

On entering the building His Excellency was conducted to the platform where the Rev. Mr. Wells outlined the history of the School.

College History.

Mr. Wells said:—Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen,—We are very grateful to you for the honour you confer on us by coming to-day to declare this College open. The present Ying Wah College has been in existence for about 16 years, and for nearly all of that time it has had a hard struggle for existence. Amongst the founders of the present College were the Rev. Dr. T.W. Pearce, O.B.E., a well-known gentleman in this Colony, Mr. Au Fung-chi, at one time in the office of the Protector of Chinese, and who was the father of our present chairman, Dr. Wan Man-kai who was a member of the Education Board for several years; the present minister of the church, and myself.

The first headmaster was Mr. Arnold Hughes, M.A., who was a worthy successor to the early missionaries who founded the College and than whom I think it may fairly be said there has never been in this Colony anyone with higher ideals in education. During the war, Mr. Hughes was called away to service in India and while he was away Dr. Pearce acted as Headmaster and I personally was assistant Headmaster and Warden of the Hostel.

New Life.

The College began its new life through the officers of the To Yai Church now incorporated in the Hop Yat Church in Bonham Road, with the hearty co-operation of the London Missionary Society who provided the salary and expenses of the first Headmaster for a period of years.

It had practically no capital, except perhaps the promises of three thousand dollars from some Chinese friends; and has had to rent premises mainly on the Hongkong side and on the Causeway Road level, changing its location three or four times; and at last occupying the Rhenish Mission premises near the present King's College. It had great difficulty in carrying on, and its aims in education were high. It did not at first apply for Government assistance, though the Government were constantly cognisant of its work and efforts.

During the first few years, a rather heavy debt was incurred and eventually application was made to the Government and grants were made which enabled the school to put on new strength and gradually its debts were paid off. For this assistance, the College is deeply grateful to the Government.

More Difficulties.

Further difficulties were to arise, and the greatest of all was the death of the Headmaster on the voyage home for his first furlough. This

BURGLARS ENTER GOVT. HOUSE.

LADY CLEMENTI SUFFERS LOSS OF JEWELLERY.

BEDROOM ENTERED.

Some time between the hours of 1.45 a.m. and 8 a.m. yesterday, a burglary was committed at Government House, as a result of which Lady Clementi suffered the loss of a number of articles of jewellery and other personal effects, the value of which has not been stated. Miss de Passorio, governess, also lost a watch and some money.

It appears that the burglar managed to gain access to Lady Clementi's bedroom, but by what means has not been disclosed, and stole the articles.

The police now have the matter in hand, and they are endeavouring to track down the burglar and also to secure some trace of the missing articles. For the latter purpose, the pawnshops are being circulated.

Lady Clementi's losses comprise the following articles:—1 gold and platinum brooch, mounted with uncut "Star" sapphire, pale blue in colour. The sapphire is about the size of a marble; held to the light it shows a sparkling cross, like a St. Andrew's cross. It is shaped similar to a jewelled butterfly, the wings being studded with diamonds and sapphire. The back of the sapphire is uncut and has a rough appearance.

THE FUTURE STATUS OF SHANGHAI.

Judge Feetham Given An Entirely Free Hand.

APPEAL TO PUBLIC.

Shanghai, Jan. 24.
The Municipal Council has granted Judge Feetham an absolutely free hand in the matter of the investigation which he was invited to undertake.

He will therefore conduct an unfettered enquiry into the situation generally and obtain opinions from all quarters with a view to formulating a constructive plan for the future status of Shanghai.

Mr. Feetham has requested the public to assist him in every way they can.—Our Own Correspondent.

- 1 gold ring mounted with green diamond, surrounded with small brilliants.
- 1 pink coral necklace.
- 1 Peking carved wood neck chain.
- 1 oblong English silver hair pin box.
- 1 white enamel St. John's Ambulance badge.
- 1 pink bead bag.
- 1 silk printed Japanese handkerchief.
- 1 pair of sun glasses.
- Miss de Passorio lost a gold chronometer watch, round pattern, open face, by "Bennett Freres, and \$30 in notes.

BUSH-FIRE DISASTER IN AUSTRALIA.

NUMEROUS SETTLERS LOSE THEIR HOMES.

Perth, Jan. 23.
Numerous settlers have lost their homes and their entire possessions as the result of disastrous bush-fires which have swept through West Australia. One man was cut off and has lost his life.

It is believed that the fires have at last been extinguished finally, thanks to the desperate efforts of the farmers.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

NELSON AND CARLISLE PLAY TO A DRAW.

London, Jan. 23.
At Carlisle to-day in a Third Division match, Carlisle and Nelson drew, each side scoring twice.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC SOVIET NAVAL COUP.

TWO WARSHIPS PASS DARDANELLES.

LINE OF BRITISH ATTITUDE NOW AWAITED.

TURKEY'S SANCTION.

Constantinople, Jan. 17.

On the eve of the Naval Conference, Soviet Russia provided a sensation of her own when a Russian squadron to-day steamed through the Dardanelles, presumably with the previous knowledge and consent of Turkey.

Salvoes of gun-fire from the forts saluting the Russian ships brought huge crowds into the streets, gazing at the unprecedented spectacle of two Russian warships steaming slowly towards the Black Sea and dipping their flags in salute when passing the firing Turkish batteries.

This is the first instance in peace time, since the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1856, that foreign warships have sailed through the Dardanelles. If the two German cruisers, Goeben and Breslau, are excepted which entered the Dardanelles before Turkey entered the World War.

Naval Predominance.

The two Russian ships proved to be the Parashkaya Kommuna, formerly called Petropawlosk, a 24,000 tons ship of Dreadnought type, and the cruiser, Proletarn. Both ships flew the Soviet naval flag of broad concentric white and red bands with the Soviet design. Their last port of call had been Naples. Both ships form part of the Baltic fleet, and their joining the Black Sea fleet ensures for the Soviet Union naval predominance in these waters.

It is understood that the two warships sailed through the Dardanelles without informing the International Straits Commission, which Soviet Russia refuses to recognize. The Commission immediately lodged a formal protest with the Turkish Government, but the fact that the Turks fired a salute is taken as an indication that the Turkish Government sanctions the Russian action.

What of British Attitude?

Speculation in political circles now is centred upon the attitude which England is going to take up in this matter, seeing that, for generations, it has been a cardinal point in British politics with regard to Turkey that no Russian warship should be allowed to pass through the Dardanelles.

It is believed that the dramatic coup was planned during Khrakhan's recent stay at Angora, and is interpreted as marking the end of attempts of an Anglo-Turkish rapprochement. The failure of these attempts became apparent when the Turkish Government, which tried to float a loan in England, found the British conditions unacceptable.

Mediterranean Alliance?

In this connexion the recent incident recalls that of Italian naval planes on their way to Odessa, flying across the Dardanelles, in spite of the protest of the Straits Commission. This incident, together with the passage of the Russian war vessels, is taken by the Turkish semi-official paper Milliet, to fore-shadow an alliance between Russia, Italy and Turkey as a counter-balance against the French and British influence in the Mediterranean.—Transoceanic Kuomin.

MEXICO ANGRY WITH THE SOVIET.

LEGATION STAFF BEING WITHDRAWN.

Mexico City, Jan. 23.
The Government has ordered the withdrawal of the Legation Staff at Moscow as a protest against the recent hostile Communist demonstrations outside the Mexican Embassy at Washington. Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. The Soviet is held responsible for these demonstrations.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI POWER CO. STRIKE.

UGLY SITUATION AVERTED BY POLICE.

MASTERLY HANDLING.

Shanghai, Jan. 23.

There was an ugly situation at the premises of the Shanghai Power Company to-day when the Company's ultimatum expired, but the Police Reserve unit handled the affair adroitly and no trouble was experienced.

The Police Reservists herded the strikers to one side and then quietly allowed the loyal workers to emerge from another gate.

The majority of the strikers had returned to work, accepting the Company's terms.

The dispute developed early this week when about 500 lineamen ceased work and made demands for twenty per cent. pay increases all round, for a three-day holiday at Chinese New Year, a month's bonus of salary at the New Year, and recognition of the Union.

The Company told the strikers that the demands would be answered on Wednesday and those men that did not return at once would be locked out and not permitted to resume their jobs until after the New Year. The ultimatum was sufficient for the majority. The others tried to cause trouble to-day but were prevented as described.—Our Own Correspondent.

RECENT WEST RIVER STRANDINGS.

KOCHOW BEING TOWED TO HONGKONG.

According to reports from the s.s. Kong So, which arrived here from Wuchow late last night, the stern of the s.s. Man Hing, which struck a rock at Kulo on January 21, is now under water up to her bulwark.

When the Kong So passed her early yesterday afternoon, there were still quite a number of people on board and a Chinese gunboat was standing by.

Capt. McInnis, master of the Kong So, reports having passed the recently-stranded s.s. Kochow, which was being towed down the river. Capt. McInnis thinks the Kochow should be in this afternoon or to-morrow morning.

FIFTEEN RACEHORSES INCINERATED.

BARN TAKEN FIRE IN FAIR GROUND.

New Orleans, Jan. 23.
Fifteen race-horses were burned to death and incinerated as the result of a fire which broke out in local fair grounds, involving two large barns.

The fire was apparently caused by an overheated oil-stove, and the flames spread so rapidly that there was no chance of rescue. Two groomsmen and a jockey managed to escape from the buildings, but they were badly burned.—Reuter's American Service.

SHANGHAI'S 'PHONE COMPLAINTS.

COUNCIL NOT CONSIDERING PURCHASE.

Shanghai, Jan. 23.
The Municipal Council has issued a denial of the report that it is contemplating the purchase of the Telephone Company.

Meanwhile, public restiveness is growing at the steady deterioration of the telephone service provided.—Our Own Correspondent.

ORIENT LINER GOES AGROUND.

ORSOVA MEETS MISHAP AT MORETON BAY.

Sydney, Jan. 23.
The Orient liner "Orsova" grounded to-day in Fremantle Channel, Moreton Bay. Tugs have left to assist her in getting off.—Reuter.

UNUSUAL PIRACY PROSECUTION.

SEQUEL TO THE DELI MARU AFFAIR.

NEGOTIATING WITH PIRATES OVER RANSOM.

THREE MEN CHARGED.

As a sequel to the piracy of the s.s. Deli Maru by the Bias Bay gang in September last, an unusual charge was brought against three men at the Central Magistracy this morning—namely, that on various dates between October last and January 13th they conspired and corresponded with pirates for the ransom of a passenger named H. Y. Shu who was captured during the piracy and presumably taken to Bias Bay.

The accused, who appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, were named Lo Ming, Chan Chung-nam and Lam Hon-chau, respectively.

Mr. Covey appeared for the first and third accused, the other man being unrepresented.

One Man Discharged.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy asked for a week's formal remand in the case of Lo Ming and Chan Chung-nam.

When Mr. Hamilton enquired about the third accused, Mr. Murphy said that from subsequent enquiries, it would appear that the Police were not able to offer any material evidence against that man.

The Magistrate accordingly discharged Lam Hon-chau.

With regard to Lo Ming, the other of the two men whom he was representing, Mr. Covey asked for bail, stating that there was every possibility of his client being not guilty, and also that his client was domiciled in the Colony, having his business place here.

Bail Refused.

The Magistrate said he must definitely refuse bail at this stage, but he would leave the matter open until a later stage in the proceedings would have revealed more of the facts.

The two accused were formally remanded for a week.

A Civil Engineer.

The Police Court proceedings came as a development to investigations which have been carried out for about two weeks, since information leaked out that pirates' agents, apparently acting for the gang which seized the Deli Maru while on a voyage south and took her to Bias Bay, were negotiating for the putting through of big ransom money. The captive concerned, Mr. H. Y. Shu, is a civil engineer associated with a big firm of contractors at Shanghai.

It would appear that, having got into touch with Mr. Shu's relatives at Shanghai, and deciding that a sum of \$12,000 was to be the ransom for his release, the pirates next arranged for the handing over of this money to their agents in Hongkong.

Money Paid Over.

The money had actually been handed over, when the local police interfered, having obtained information through a very tortuous process.

In the subsequent round-up, a very large number of suspects are known to have been arrested, but it would appear that the police are now in a position to proceed against only two of them.

A sum of \$3,000, stated to be part of the ransom money, has been recovered.

DOCTOR VICTIM OF INVESTIGATION.

RECENT OUTBREAK OF PHITACOSIS.

Baltimore, Jan. 23.
Doctor Daniel Hatfield, of the Public Health Department, who has been investigating the outbreak of phitacosis, the disease which is transmitted to humans by parrots, has been taken ill, and it is believed that he has caught the disease.—Reuter's American Service.

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MR. BREWER FOUND GUILTY.

**JUDGE RESERVES SENTENCE
ON ACCUSED.**

THE SUMMING-UP.

Mr. Noel Instone, Brewer was yesterday found "Guilty" of making a false statement in that on August 16, 1927 he made a statutory report that the total cash received by the Instone Banking Corporation in respect of shares issued wholly for cash was \$876,750.

His Lordship commenced his summing up when the Court resumed at 2 p.m. He pointed out that the charge was one of making a false statement and that was connected with, or akin to, fraud. The suggestion was that the statement was made without justification for the advantage of the Bank. While pointing out this he thought he should say at the same time that the defendant was not alleged to have been guilty of fraud on his own account or for his own personal interest. Nothing had come out to suggest fraud on the defendant's part but the charge as it stood was serious enough and one which deserved the jury's greatest consideration.

Referring to the certificate of August 9, His Lordship said the question was whether it was a right statement of the capital account of the bank on that date. The defendant was accused of making the statement falsely, that was to say, making it knowingly and that he had means of knowing that the statement was untrue.

The particular statement in the report which concerned the present charge was the statement that the bank had received a total amount of cash in respect of the shares issued wholly for cash—that the bank had received \$876,750. The Crown had endeavoured to show that that statement was untrue and that the defendant made it knowing that it was untrue.

The Bank's History.

The history of the Bank up to that date was all relevant. It appeared that in February 1927 the defendant was in possession of three contracts. He had made them with certain principals and had acquired the right of selling certain bonds.

The defendant, and certain Chinese gentlemen, decided to form the Instone Banking Corporation and decided that the Bank should take over the benefits of these agreements. The Bank agreed to pay Mr. Brewer a sum of \$68,000 under this arrangement. The Bank was incorporated, and soon afterwards an agreement between Mr. Brewer and the Bank was signed and the Bank started owing Mr. Brewer \$68,000.

Dealing with the history of that amount, His Lordship said an arrangement was made, a verbal one, by which the Bank gave up the Singapore portion of the privileges and there was a refund of \$55,000. The Bank then owed Mr. Brewer \$13,000. When the Company allotted its shares that sum appeared again. The \$13,000 was used by Mr. Brewer to pay the first amount in respect of his own shares. As to a further \$7,000, one of the directors had earned a commission from the Bank and the \$7,000 was used so that this director might pay the money due on shares for himself. The \$48,000 was used in respect of shares purchased by Mrs. Brewer.

Notes in Lieu of Cash.

Money which started as a debt was used for the purchase of shares in the bank. Therefore, of the \$100,800 on the certificate, as to \$68,000 it consisted of money which first appeared as a debt and by various entries became capital. That appeared to him to be the history of that portion of the capital and it was for the jury to say whether the figure of \$100,800 was correct or not.

That dealt with the paid up portion of the shares at ten dollars

per share and it would appear that strictly speaking the Bank had not received \$100,800 in money at all.

Further with regard to the ten dollar section of the shares. The members of the jury had before them promissory notes. It would appear that in respect of these payments for ten dollars the Bank had received notes in lieu of actual cash.

The shares were issued partly paid up and the directors had the right to make calls for the balance at their own discretion. The directors purported to receive money from the shareholders paid in advance of calls. They had certified that this money reached their hands in cash. The question was whether it did so or not.

The shareholders filled in certain forms, they obtained from the bank loans for amounts identical with those due in respect of their calls, they pledged their shares as security for payment of those loans and they undertook to pay interest on those loans at the same rate as if they had paid in respect of calls paid in advance. While no coin reached the bank, the Bank accepted these documents and classified them as cash.

Hans Andersen Story.

The documents fell into two classes. One was a series given by the directors and shareholders. The jury did not know who they were. Mr. Brewer had suggested that the directors were justified in giving them full financial value. As for the paper signed by Mrs. Brewer that had also been accounted for as cash. They did so well knowing that she was only a figurehead and unable to pay the amount of \$432,000. She was unable to pay anything like that sum.

The question was whether the jury, with these facts in their minds, were prepared to accept the statement in the report as a true statement or not. Mr. Brewer accepted full responsibility for the certificate. When asked whether he would say that the company had received \$876,000 in cash his answer was "Yes."

Continuing, His Lordship said he did not wish to make light of the matter but to illustrate the position he was reminded of the story by Hans Andersen of the Emperor who wanted a new cloak. Weavers set up in the market place and purported to make a cloak on their looms, saying that if anyone could not see it then they were unfit for office or sleep. All pressed to see the cloak and when the Emperor went on his travels the crowd looked on and said what a fine cloak it was, until a small child said that the Emperor had not got anything on.

He did not wish to suggest this in Mr. Brewer's case but the question was as simple as that. Mr. Brewer asked the jury to say that he was right in making the statement that cash for the amount had been received. He also said that an accountant could not state it in any other way.

Mr. Brewer's Case.

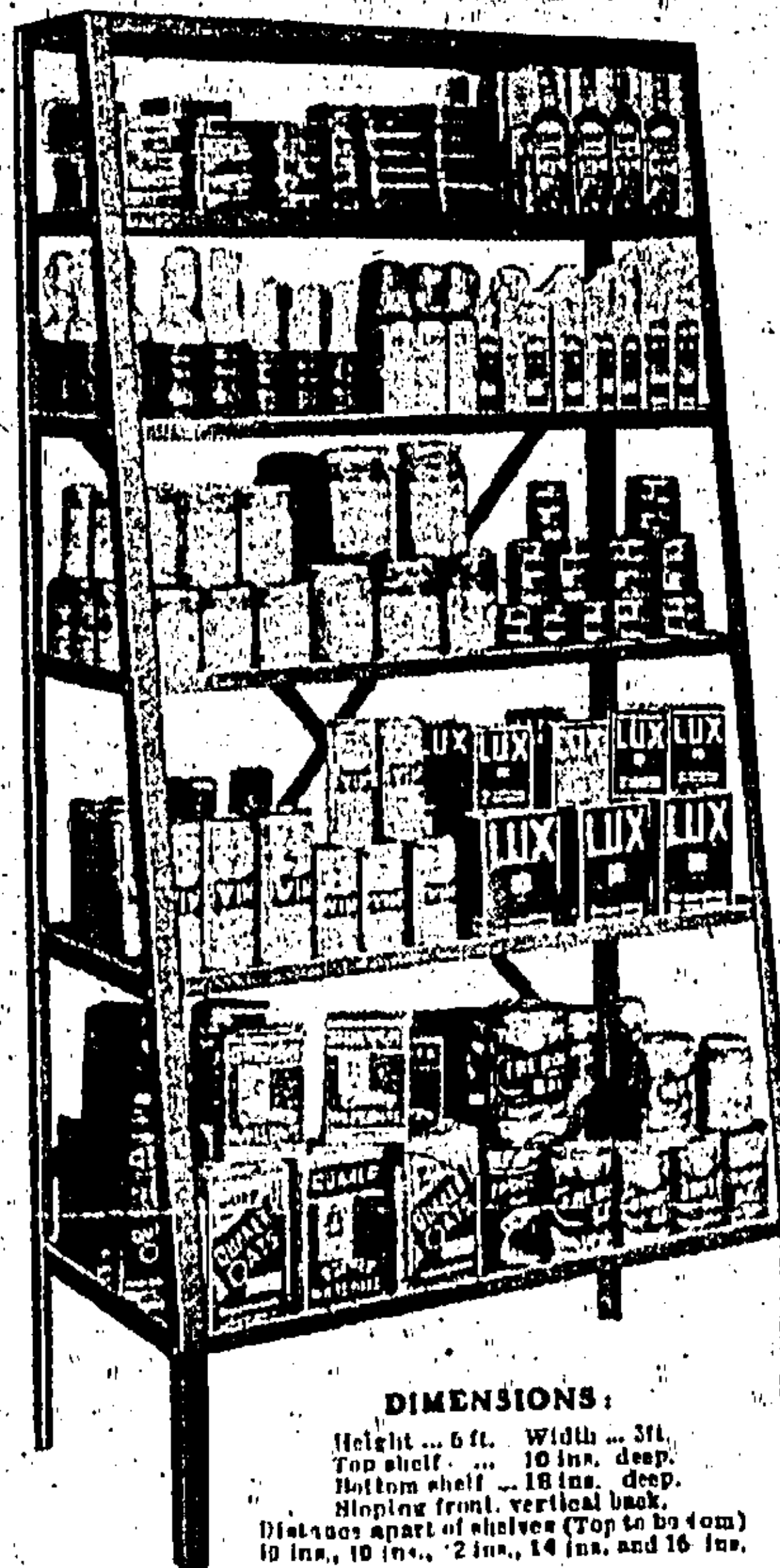
His Lordship then referred to Mr. Brewer's explanation regarding why the scheme was adopted and pointed out that Mr. Brewer asked the jury to say that it was not a mere scheme to bluff the public but was something the directors wanted to do for the advantage of the Bank. The jury would consider those matters with great care.

Mr. Brewer had also said that the books had been kept accurately and consistently. He also said, quite truly, that he himself gave the same explanation last summer and that when he prepared a balance sheet, quite voluntarily, when the company went into liquidation, he stated the capital in the same form. The jury would also take these facts fully into account when deciding whether to find for the Crown or the defendant.

At the same time it was quite possible that having regard to the transactions as a whole, the jury might think they were done to create the illusion that the bank was financially substantial. With a small actual cash capital in hand the bank secured premises for over \$200,000 and established itself as a Bank of the first importance in

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Des Voeux Road. If the jury thought it was part of a scheme to pose before the world as having control of a large business and that this step was taken in accordance with that policy, and that Mr. Brewer knew it, then in that case they would be justified in finding Mr. Brewer guilty of the charge.

The fact was that very little money actually came into the Bank from outside in connexion with the share subscription. That being so did the jury, reading the statement as ordinary men, think it was misleading or not.

Concluding, His Lordship said the jury had to decide whether, or not, in respect of the certificate, it was represented that the Bank had a larger capital than it actually did possess.

Verdict of Guilty.

The jury retired at 2.40 and returned at 3.45.

The foreman intimated that the jury was unanimous in its verdict which was one of "Guilty". Mr. Brewer rose in his seat but did not speak.

His Lordship, addressing Mr. Brewer said "You stand convicted

of this charge. I propose reserving sentence until a later stage when I will say what I have to say then. Meantime, you are no longer on bail."

His Lordship then asked Mr. Fitzroy what time would be convenient for the hearing of the second charge. Mr. Fitzroy suggested February 3 and His Lordship concurred.

His Lordship thanked the jury for the consideration they had given to the evidence, and said that he proposed to advise that they be exempt from further jury service for the next three years.

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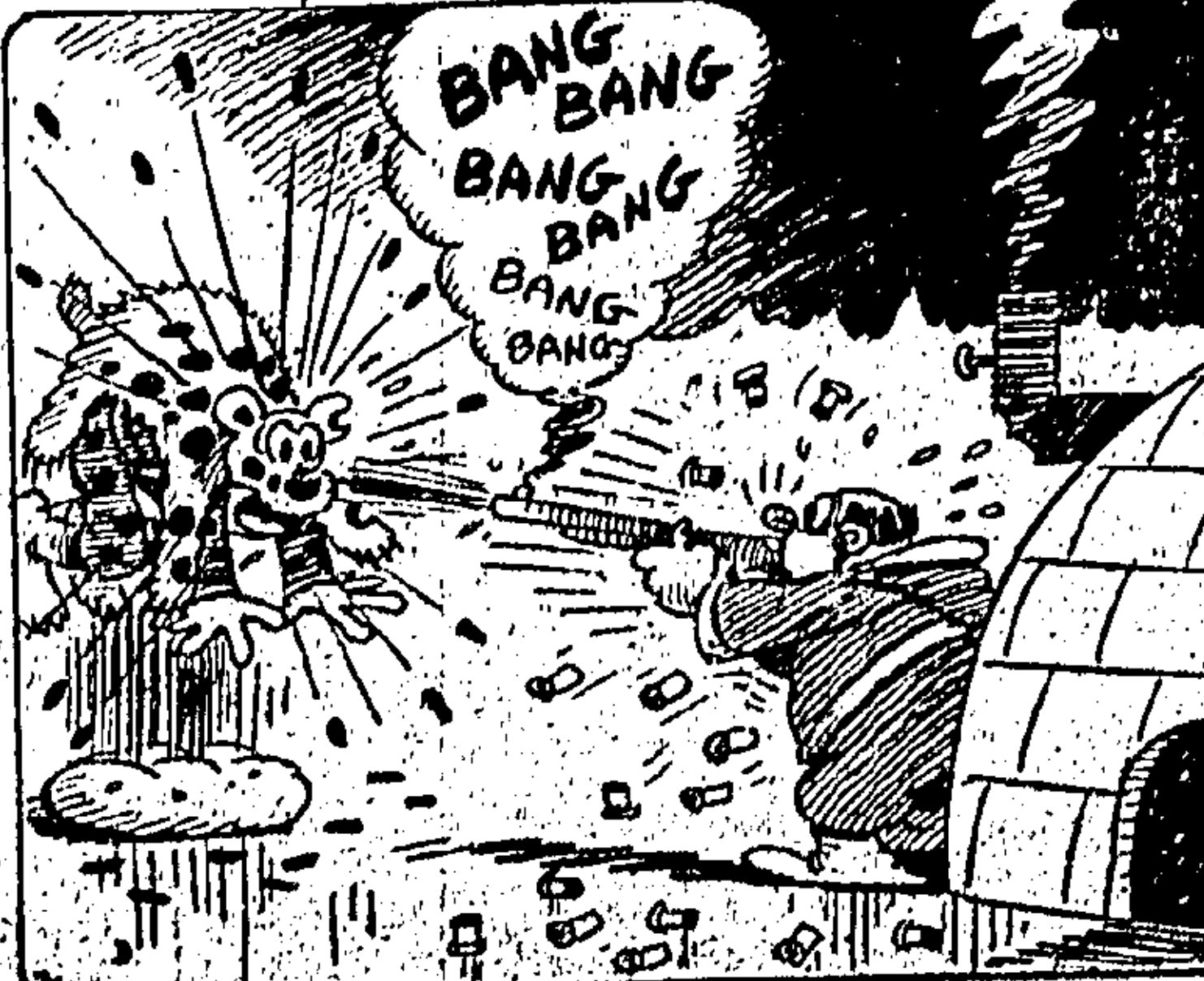
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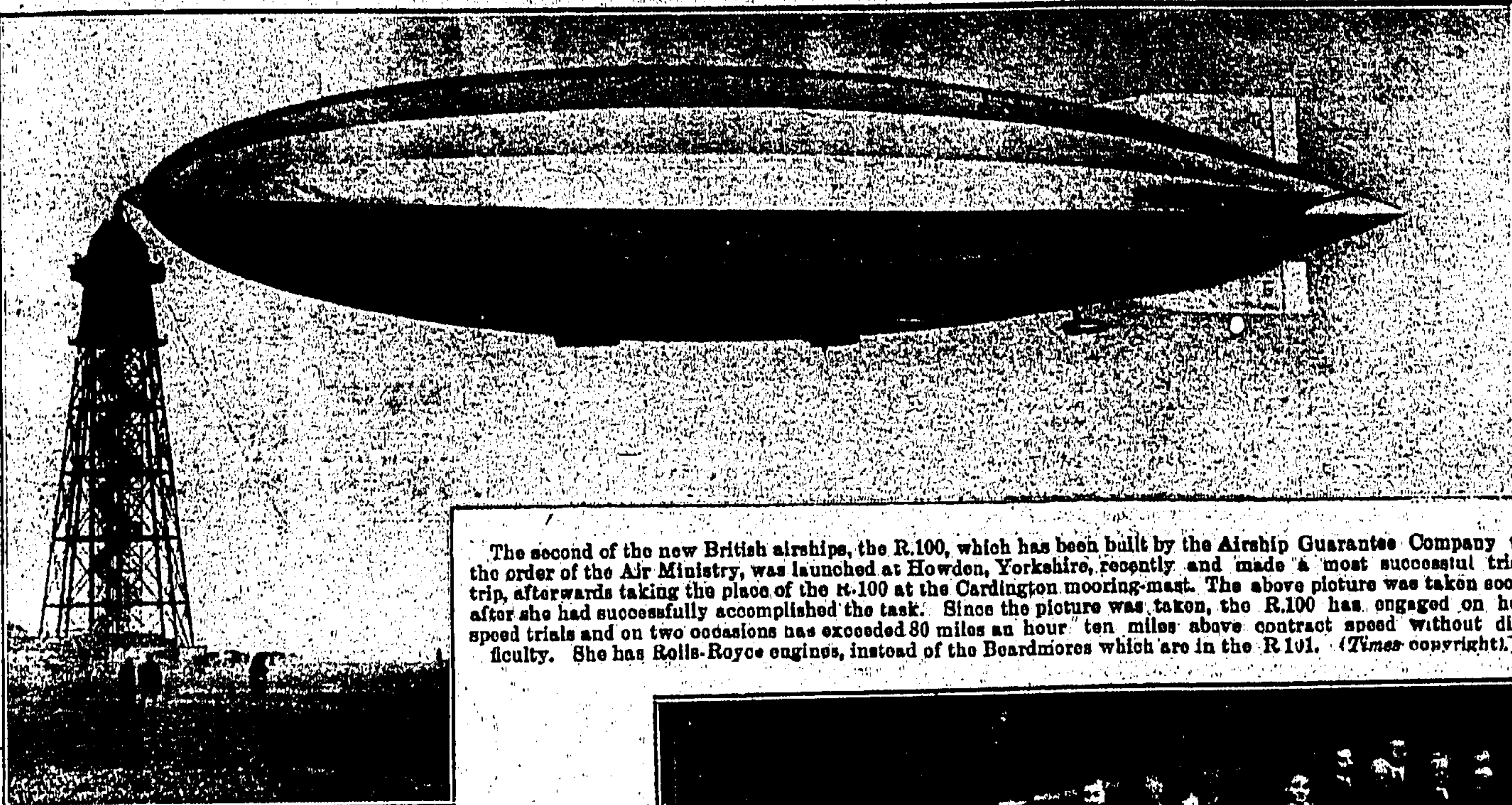


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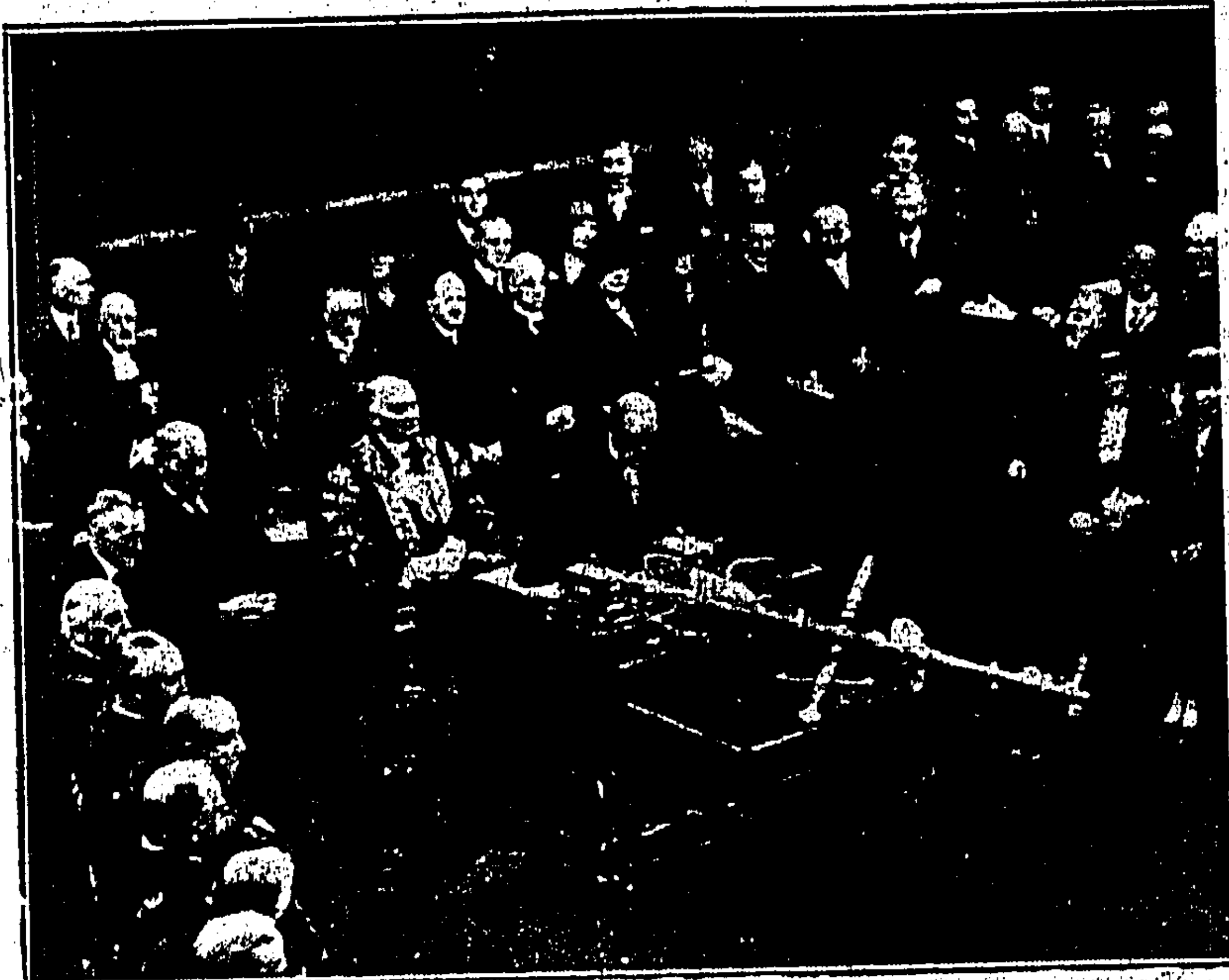




The second of the new British airships, the R.100, which has been built by the Airship Guarantee Company to the order of the Air Ministry, was launched at Howden, Yorkshire, recently and made a most successful trial trip, afterwards taking the place of the R.100 at the Cardington mooring-mast. The above picture was taken soon after she had successfully accomplished the task. Since the picture was taken, the R.100 has engaged on her speed trials and on two occasions has exceeded 80 miles an hour ten miles above contract speed without difficulty. She has Rolls-Royce engines, instead of the Beardmores which are in the R.101. (Times copyright).



Sir Dennistoun Burney, managing director of the Airship Guarantee Company (left), with Major G. H. Scott, who was in charge of the R.100 when she made a successful flight from Yorkshire to Bedfordshire. (Times copyright).



The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. Snowden (the Chancellor of the Exchequer) recently received the Freedom of the City of London at the Guildhall. A general view during the ceremony, showing Mr. MacDonald between Mr. Snowden and the Lord Mayor, Sir William Waterlow, and on the right of whom is the City Chamberlain, Sir Adrian Pollock. (Times copyright).



The three Cambridge men who tied for first place in the University cross-country race at Horton Kirby. Left to right: — A. N. Kelton (St. John's), J. R. Croggon (Sidney Sussex), and R. O. J. Goodie (St. John's). (Times copyright).



Kerbstone sellers at Christmas wear motley garb in order to attract attention. Above is a scene in High Holborn. (Times copyright).



The wedding took place recently at St. Margaret's, Westminster, of Sir Anthony Lindsay-Hogg, and Miss Frances Doble. Our picture shows the bride and bridegroom leaving after the ceremony. (Times copyright).



The above photograph of the "Little Red Riding Hood" cast was taken after the concluding performance of the successful Christmas pantomime in Shanghai.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (6th floor), Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 4th February, 1930, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the period from 1st November, 1928, to 31st December, 1929, and of electing an auditor. The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th January to the 4th February, 1930, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

HENRY LOWCOCK,

Secretary. Hong Kong, 22nd January, 1930.

G. R.

NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1930, at 1 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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ITALY SEEKS PARITY WITH FRANCE.

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at the very least, with various sub-groups, not for fighting purposes, but for police and peace purposes.

The Royal Navy could not be kept concentrated. It must be on the Pacific and on the Atlantic. Not, he repeated, for war purposes, but for peace and ordinary Commonwealth purposes.

British Psychology.

Thirdly, he emphasised the importance of the problem from the viewpoint of British psychology. The sea was everything to this country. If we were blocked on the sea we were blocked everywhere.

We had no hinterlands to fall back upon; no railway communication, either perfect or imperfect, by which we could draw our supplies. That was why all our thoughts had been concentrated on the sea.

"We have felt that it was on the sea that we had to defend ourselves against everybody, against every form of aggression, and against every aspect of our weakness."

He would like that to be changed.

"Therefore," he said, "what we want is confidence given by you to us; confidence given by the rest of the world; confidence given not by superior, but confidence that can be given as a result of successful talks and successful agreements, such as are possible for us now; confidence that we are living in a world the seas of which will not be blocked, will not be occupied by hostile fleets which we are unable to meet."

"We want a sense of security, which will at once change the psychology which has influenced British policy so much."

Italy Wants Parity.

Sir Atal Chatterjee (India) and Professor Smiddy (Irish Free State) did not wish to make any statement.

Signor Grandi (Italy) said that Italy was practically an island in an inland sea. She depended on her maritime communications for securing over three-quarters of the imports essential to the life of her dense population. Also for Italy the sea was her life.

Italy was, moreover, a country with world-wide interests and commitments. Italy's land communications lay through straits some thousand miles from her ports. This unfavourable position would justify Italy's relative superiority of naval strength.

In any case, she could not be asked to forego naval armaments at least on a level with those of any other Continental European Power.

He hoped the principle of the One-Power Standard might be applied at the lowest possible level by Italy in her relation to Continental European countries.

Italy was ready to reduce her armaments to any level, no matter how low, providing it would not be exceeded by any other European Continental Power.

Hope From Past.

Mr. Wakatsuki (Japan) said the fact that the Washington agreements, through faithful adherence by all the signatory Powers, had greatly contributed to the maintenance of world peace, must evidently serve to unite all Powers in the common hope and endeavour now to further and supplement the good work accomplished at Washington, commensurately with the progress of the general situation.

Mr. Wilford (New Zealand) stated that New Zealand supported a small naval unit of the British

Empire. Its cost of naval defence was about half a million sterling; its population was one and a half millions, and the volume of its trade was one hundred and two millions sterling.

To an island country like New Zealand, separated from its markets by great distances, the safety of its trade routes meant economic life or death.

More Preliminaries.

The Premier proposed that the delegations should hold further discussions between themselves, and the conference was adjourned. It is to meet again when there is business to transact, probably early next week.

The Premier requested the heads of the delegations to consult with him with a view to the collection, selection and arrangement of the questions which will, in due course, be brought before the conference. It was found that there were a large number of such questions, and that the work of preparation must, of necessity, take a considerable time and require a number of meetings.

The first of these meetings took place at No. 10, Downing Street this afternoon, and after discussion lasting an hour and a half, the meeting was adjourned till Monday next.—British Wireless.

Guildhall Banquet.

London, Jan. 23.

The Corporation of the City of London gave a banquet in honour of the delegates to the Naval Conference at the Guildhall to-night, with all civic traditional ceremony.

There were over seven hundred guests, all of them men, who were dressed in evening dress, with decorations, there being no uniforms, the only touch of colour being provided by the scarlet and gold robes of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs.

Power for Peace.

The Lord Mayor gave the toast for the success of the conference, and M. Tardieu, replying, declared that all the delegates counted upon success. Success would be theirs, because they were seeking peace with the same creative power that they placed in the service of their independence and respective security.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald toasting the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London, declared the Conference was going to do its best to fulfil its task.

Miss Isabel MacDonald and Mrs. Stimson watched the brilliant scene from the balcony.—Reuter.

Battleship Issue.

London, Jan. 23.

The fact that the size and the replacement of battleships were matters discussed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and President Hoover during the Prime Minister's visit to the United States, was disclosed by Mr. Philip Snowden at question-time.

Colonel Gretton asked why the House had not been told before and whether the Admiralty had been previously consulted.

Mr. Snowden replied that the Admiralty was cognisant of all that was going on in the matter of the naval discussions. Its views had received due consideration.

The conversations in Washington were personal between President Hoover and Mr. MacDonald and he had no official knowledge of what occurred.—Reuter.

Fantastic Rumour in Press.

London, Jan. 23.

A strong appeal to the Press to publish only reliable stories, was made by Mr. MacDonald in addressing a hundred journalists on the conclusion of this morning's session of the Naval Conference.

He said he was horrified at yesterday's fantastical untruth (a rumour from an American source that M. Tardieu had interposed to mediate in an Anglo-American rift, which was later categorically denied). Mr. MacDonald said if every test proposal at the conference was published and commented on, the conference would soon be abortive.

Addressing the journalists he said the conference had unanimously passed the preliminary resolutions and adjourned until next week. It had decided the Vice-chairmanship when Mr. MacDonald was not presiding should go to heads of the foreign delegations in alphabetical order. Mr. MacDonald added that to-day's proceedings were a friendly round-table discussion of the naval needs of various nations, from the viewpoint of geographical situation and political responsibility. "It was really a very interesting, very informing and very friendly business." There was no hostile desire on the part of any delegation to question another.

He is meeting the heads of the delegations this afternoon to consider procedure, and said the broad lines of the business were, firstly to consider fleets on the seas, secondly the fleets laid down and thirdly the fleets provided for by votes of parliament.—Reuter.

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Shanghai	Jeypore	January 24.
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U.S.A. (San Francisco 27th Decem-ber, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Adams	January 25.
Europe via Negapatam letters only	Lyons Maru	January 26.
London, 20th December, 1929	Pres. McKinley	January 26.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only, London 20th Dec. 1929 and parcels 19th Dec. 1929)	Kashmir	January 27.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 3rd Jan.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Jefferson	January 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	January 28.
Calcutta and Straits	Namsang	January 29.
U.S.A. (Seattle 11th January), Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	January 31.
Canada (Victoria, B.C., 11th Jan.)	Emp. of Asia	February 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	February 3.
Manila		

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For	Per	Date and Time
Sapi Shui and Wuchow	Kongso	Fri. Jan. 24, 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Duchessa D'Assola	Fri. Jan. 24, 5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letter	6 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Hakozaki Maru

K.P.O. Registration Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m. Letters Jan. 25, 9 a.m. G.P.O.

Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 23rd Feb.)

Hanyang Sat. Jan. 25, 8.30 a.m. Jeypore Sat. Jan. 25, 10.30 a.m. Kumsang Sat. Jan. 25, Noon

Parcels Sat. Jan. 25, 1 p.m. Letters Sat. Jan. 25, 2.30 p.m. Pres. Adams Sat. Jan. 25, 5 p.m.

Fort Bayard Sat. Jan. 25, 5 p.m. Hilda Sat. Jan. 25, 5 p.m. Straits Ceylon India mauritius East

and South Africa Sat. Jan. 25, 5 p.m. Salgon Sun. Jan. 26, 8.30 a.m. Talyuan Sun. Jan. 26, 8.30 a.m.

Kiangsu Sun. Jan. 26, 9 a.m. Hozan Maru Sun. Jan. 26, 9 a.m. Japan, *South American Ports and

Europe via Siberia Sat. Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m. Bokuyo Maru Mon. Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m. Swatow Mon. Jan. 27, 2.30 p.m.

Hydrang Mon. Jan. 27, 2.30 p.m. Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and

*Europe via San Francisco Pres. McKinley Mon. Jan. 27, 3 p.m. Parcels Mon. Jan. 27, 4.15 p.m.

Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 18th Feb.)

Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia Pres. McKinley Mon. Jan. 27, 5 p.m. Letters Mon. Jan. 27, 6 p.m.

*Shanghai and *Japan Kashmir Mon. Jan. 27, 5 p.m. Soochow Mon. Jan. 27, 5 p.m. Iyo Maru Tues. Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.

Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Sphinx Tues. Jan. 28, K.P.O.

Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O.

Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 28th Feb.)

Mausang Tues. Jan. 28, 1.30 p.m. Haining Tues. Jan. 28, 2 p.m. Pong Tong Tues. Jan. 28, 8.30 p.m.

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Parcels Fri. Jan. 31, 10 a.m. Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters Noon

(Due Thursday Island 15th Feb.) Anking Sat. Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Mantua Sat. Feb. 1, K.P.O.

Parcels Sat. Feb. 1, 9 a.m. Registration Sat. Feb. 1, 9 a.m. Letters Sat. Feb. 1, 10 a.m.

G.P.O. Parcels Sat. Feb. 1, 9 a.m. Registration Sat. Feb. 1, 9.45 a.m. Letters Sat. Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 28th February) Pres. Grant Sat. Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m. Emp. of Asia Mon. Feb. 2, 8.30 p.m.

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CINEMA NOTES.

"HOLLYWOOD REVUE" A RIOT OF COLOUR.

Songs even more popular, if this is possible, than those which became instantaneous hits with the production of "The Broadway Melody" are introduced in abundance, and for the first time with "The Hollywood Revue" Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's great musical motion picture, coming on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre.

The Colony will presently be "Singin' in the Rain" if the members of a sound stage production staff and crew are judges of what's popular in music, and this proved a true criterion with the song numbers of "Broadway Melody."

"Singin' in the Rain" is one of many tuneful melodies in "The Hollywood Revue." Stage carpenters, electricians, property men and labourers were humming the new tune as they worked after "listening in" on but two rehearsals of the number, which is one of the features of the huge extravaganza.

"Your Mother and Mine" is another exceptionally tuneful melody from the pens of Gus Edwards and Joe Goodwin. "I Gotta Feelin' for You" by Joe Trent and Louis Alter is crowned by Joan Crawford before she does her dance in an act of her own.

"Just You-Just Me" by Jesse Greer and Raymond Klages, which is sung by the Bros. Sisters, revue harmonists, promises to be a song hit.

"Orange Blossom Time" by Gus Edwards and Joe Goodwin is the melody heard in the huge spectacular orange grove number filmed in technicolour, which closes the stupendous "Revue."

"Jewel of My Heart" and "Strike Up the Band" are from the prolific pen of Fred Fisher, famous author of "Dardanella" and other hits.

Other songs and musical numbers are "Gotta Get Together" by Jesse Greer and Raymond Klages, "Bones and Tumbourines" by Fred Fisher, "I'm the Queen" by Martin Brookes and Andy Rice, "Charley, He and Gus" and "Marie, Polly and Bess" by Gus Edwards and Joe Goodwin, who also wrote "Lon Chaney's Goin' to Get You" and "Nobody But You" and "Minstrel Days."

"Black and White" and "A Low Down Rhythm" are new songs by Jesse Greer and Raymond Klages.

"The High Steppers."

The popular entertainers, "The High Steppers," who have established themselves as firm favourites with the theatre-goers of the Colony, re-appeared at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, last night. They were given a warm reception. The old favourites, Bert Hall, Sidnee, Charlie, Mahomet Kassim, Miss Alice Bonns, were introduced this time by three new star artists, who have just arrived after a long season in Manila. The whole company gave a very pleasing performance, and were heartily applauded for their various acts. They will give a new change of items every night from their extensive programme.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

EDITOR (GETS POST).

London, Jan. 23. A White Paper setting out the scope and functions of the new Economic Council will be issued shortly.

One of the two economists to be appointed, who will be presumed constitute a secretariat for the Council, is Mr. Hubert Henderson, late editor of the Liberal journal *Nation*, and formerly a lecturer in economics at Cambridge.

The proposal to set up such a council was advocated by Mr. MacDonald when he first took office in 1924, and in an official statement of Labour aims issued since then the establishment of this "Economic General Staff" was promised. An organisation on somewhat similar lines was part of the industrial policy of the Liberal party.—*British Wireless*.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

A chic ensemble of green suede shoes, purse and hat sing a Spanish theme song of swashbuckling pirates in their dashing use of little gold daggers that slip into gold sheaths for fastenings. The straps on the shoes are dagger-shaped, too, to heighten the effect. But the heels are on the square, a new and interesting cut.

These accessories are an especially happy choice when worn with this tweed winter suit with deep cuffs and very smart collar of nutria.

Winter Handbags.

MUST BE OF SERVICEABLE VARIETY.

Handbags for winter use must be of the serviceable variety, for they will have to stand up to snow and hail, fog and rain, and, if the wise French abbe who prophesied so correctly last year is to be believed, the hardest winter of our recollection, says a writer in a Home journal. Handbags of tweed are therefore sure of a second season of popularity. This year's models are marked by a distinctive design, for they combine the woolen materials with leather in a new and attractive manner. Another new combination for the coming months is that of antelope with fur. These, like the tweed bags, have an individual design expressed by the two contrasting materials. In some cases the fur makes the front or the back of the bag only, and in other designs it forms the tab or a corner of the envelope. All these bags are of the underarm kind, which is the only sensible fashion for bad weather when we have to clutch an umbrella as well.



In this day of extreme décolletage in evening gowns, a beautiful back and shoulders are the envy of many women. For while many have smooth, pretty complexions, often their backs are not all that could be desired.

Bacchanova, pictured above, the Russian actress, has a lovely back, beautifully formed and with soft, smooth skin.

"I suppose the formation of the back is more or less the act of nature, and little can be done to improve a badly formed one," she said. "But stoop, shoulders and away back may be corrected by a little thought. Just remember to straighten up every time you feel yourself slumping. A thin back may be improved by exercise and by rubbing with olive oil."

"The first care of the back comes in the bath. The shoulders and back should be brushed briskly with a flesh brush on a long hand. Three tablespoons of powdered starch added to the bath will impart a delightful velvety softness to the skin. Further, it will whiten it."

"Buttermilk" is another beneficial whitener. The pores of the back should be closed as carefully as those of the face or neck. An alcohol rub is stimulating to the tissues.

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New to Hongkong.

ARTIFICIAL SILKS OF RARE APPEAL.

To be attractive, modern and smart, is the ambition of most women to-day, and one may find all these attributes in the new artificial silks just being introduced to Hongkong by the manufacturers of "Duro" fabrics, the latest products of British manufacturing skill.

Many beautiful designs may be purchased for summer frocks in lovely crepes and dainty nuns which have all the attractiveness of pure silk at a much more moderate price.

"Flourite" (a crepe de chine) is an entirely new fabric and is practically uncrushable and uncreasable. It may be put through a number of tests, but after shaking out, the traces of crushing or creasing are hardly visible.

Beautifully soft, it lends itself to the draping modes of the moment. It is 36 inches wide and may be had in a variety of colours, both plain and printed. In the darker printed designs, some wonderful blue and black grounds have been obtained, both of which colours, it seems, have hitherto presented unusual difficulties in the manufacture of artificial silks. This material should make a great appeal to Hongkong matrons, while for the younger set a great variety of the lighter printed fabrics may be found.

"Flourite" (nuns), a fabric very much in vogue at home last year, has been greatly improved and is altogether different from anything yet produced, having a very soft, silky appearance. It may be had in many beautiful shades and designs, and is ideal for fascinating summer dresses.

Economical Eve.

MAN MORE RECKLESS IN SPENDING.

There were those who said, when women began to flock into business, and to earn more money than they had had in the past, that they would spend all they earned upon clothes, and so the sex would merely be heaping more sins of extravagance upon its head than it already had to account for.

It is interesting, now, after some years have elapsed since woman was admitted in large numbers to the order of salary-earners, to see whether this prediction has been fulfilled or not.

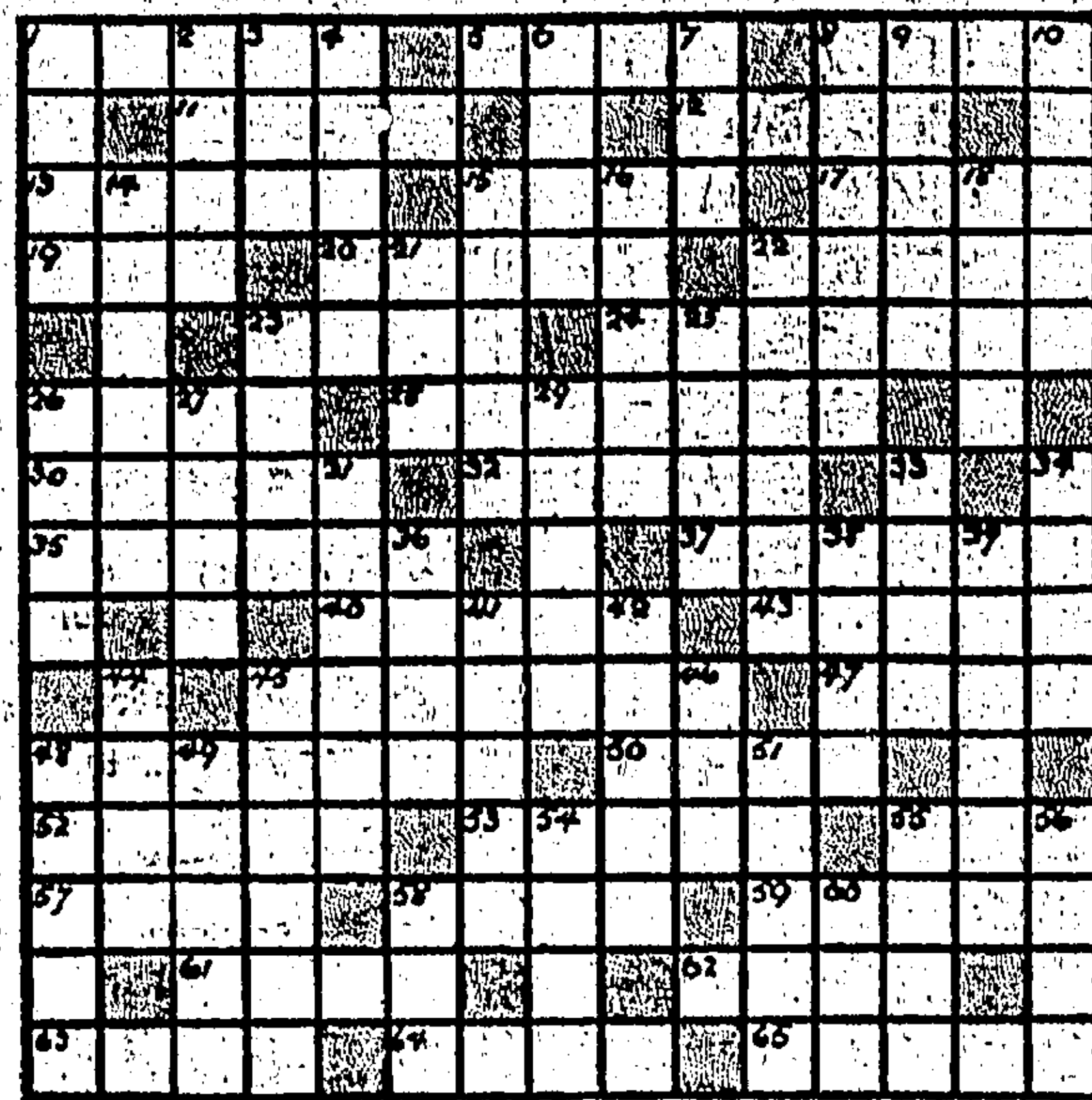
While I believe it is true that the standard of dressing has been raised because of the earning power of women, I am convinced that a smaller proportion of woman's earnings is spent on clothes than that which a man of corresponding age fritters away in ways which leave him absolutely nothing to show for his money.

Eve, I think, is in the end more economical than Adam. She likes to possess something which she can regard as the reward of her labour.

Man is, as a rule, more reckless in his spending. And, perhaps, to tell the truth, we would rather have him so.—H.M. In Exchange.

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1 Pickled meat.
6 Semi-circular projection (Arch).
8 Inhabitant of the North East of Scotland.
11 Cogency.
12 Empty.
13 Angry.
16 Wind instrument.
17 Vivality.
19 Inhabitant of a nunnery.
20 Empty.
22 Ground meal.
23 Review.
24 Extends.
26 China-receptacle.
28 Horseman in a bullfight.
30 Junction.
32 Tint.
36 Harmonizes.
37 Squander.
40 Small fish.
43 Soldiers weapon.
45 Hardened.
47 Thin.
48 Brightens anew.
50 Attitude.
52 Old saying.
53 Bay window.
55 Born.
57 Small artery.
58 Was indebted.
60 Corrode.
61 Close.
62 Dab.
64 Dry earth.
64 Style.
65 Period in life.

Down.
14 Governing.
15 Feign.
16 Foot lever.
18 Food for fire.
21 Short sleep.
22 Made of flowers.
23 Foot covering.
25 Image.
26 Twofold.
27 Father.
28 Hard calcareous substance.
31 Cuddle.
32 Fermented fruit juice.
34 At that time.
36 Hurried.
38 Valley.
39 Frightened.
41 Plant again.
42 Luke warm.
44 Yield.
46 Seal.
49 Female deer.
50 Raged.
51 Wins.
51 Rusted.
54 Gather.
55 Short letter.
56 Fish.
58 Fragment.
60 Part of a fish.

Yesterday's Solution.

ACROSS: 1. ADORN, 2. GOWN, 3. CRAFT, 4. R. U. MANIA, 5. GOLF, 6. CADER, 7. RUN, 8. SPEER, 9. BUD, 10. PORT, 11. P. R. R. P. B. L. R. 12. F. W. B. T. I. S. E. B. A. R. 13. A. R. A. B. S. A. L. E. S. D. A. C. 14. I. T. U. L. I. P. T. I. T. A. N. 15. T. H. E. Y. D. I. V. I. D. W. A. 16. N. E. R. D. E. R. D. I. S. M. A. 17. Q. C. R. G. S. B. M. 18. L. E. M. O. N. M. A. D. H. E. E. P. 19. I. T. E. M. L. Y. A. R. I. C. K. O. O. 20. P. I. N. A. D. M. E. C. A. N. O. 21. S. C. U. T. S. N. A. R. L. B. I. N. G.

THE BRITISH DEAD.

REPORT OF THE WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

London, Jan. 23. The ninth annual report of the Imperial War Graves Commission states that the total number of British dead in the Great War, registered by the Commission, is now 1,089,919.

Of this number, 585,114 have been identified and buried in known graves, while 504,805 are recorded as missing. But these are not accepted as final figures. Every week the report reveals, dead are still being found in the old battlefields. Sometimes they can be identified, sometimes not.

In France and Belgium last year, no fewer than 2,341 bodies were discovered and removed to the Commission cemeteries. During last year, over 80,000 British visitors made a pilgrimage to the war cemeteries in France and Belgium.—*British Wireless*.

POLO POSTPONED.

Owing to the death of Lady Lamson, the Final of the Polo Tournament will not be played to-day. Instead it will take place on Monday next, the 27th inst.

INDIANS SENTENCED.

PROMINENT AGITATORS GET IMPRISONMENT.

Calcutta, Jan. 23. Subling Chandra Bose, the President, and Kiran Sankar Roy, the secretary, of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, as well as ten other prominent congress members, including former members of the Bengal Council, have been sentenced to a year's rigorous imprisonment each on charges of sedition and conspiracy in connexion with the demonstration in South Calcutta, during a celebration of "political sufferers' day."—*Reuter*.

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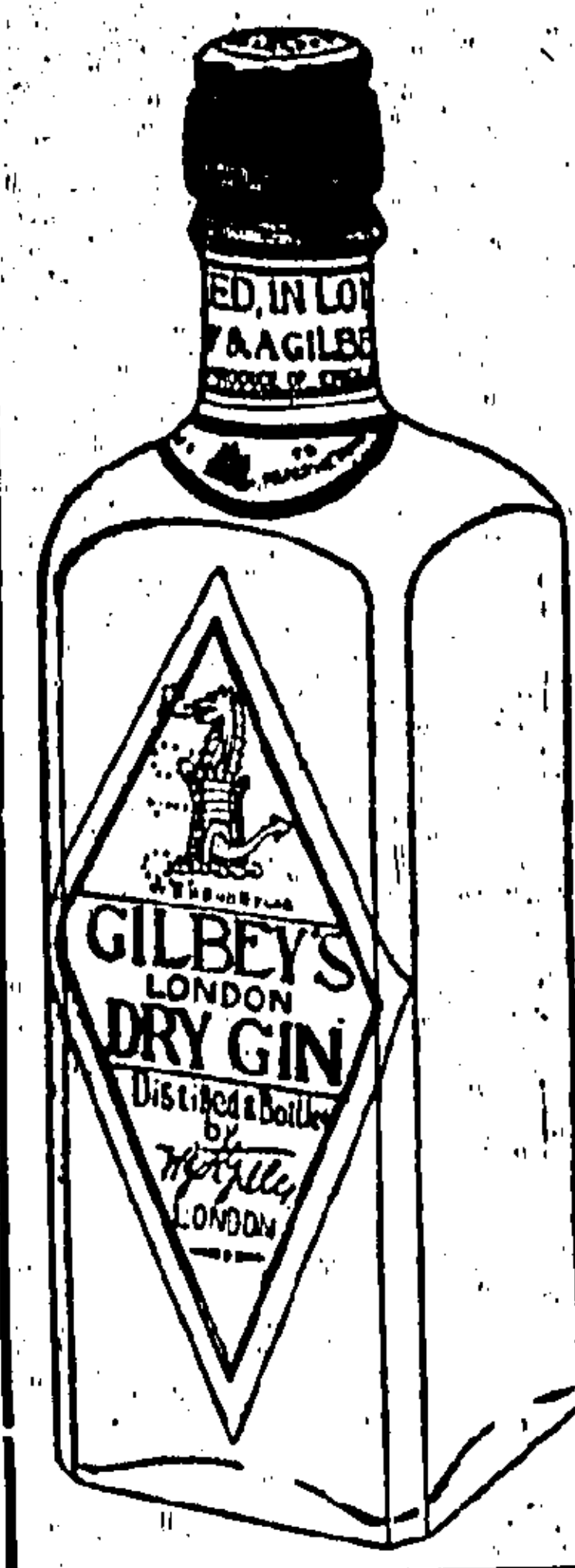
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS Don't Take It So Hard, Ossie!
By Blosser

JUST WAIT TILL WE SEE HIM!! TELLIN' US WE'D GO UP TO HIS UNCLE CLEMS RANCH IF WE ALL BOUGHT CONBOY SUITS LIKE FRECKLES HAS—
WATCH ME LAY HIM OUT!!
THERE HE IS NOW!!

SAY! WE'RE LOOKIN' FOR YOU, FALSE ALARM!!
WHAT A BUNCH OF DUMMIES WE WERE TO FALL FOR THAT CONBOY BUNK OF YOURS!!
WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU KNOW!! GETTIN' US ALL TO GO ON YOUR CONBOY SUITS TO GO UP ON YOUR UNCLE'S RANCH—THEN YOUR MOM PUTS TH KIBOSH ON IT BY TELLIN' OUR MOMS YOU KNEW BETTER THAN TO TELL US SUCH STUFF—YOU BLUFFER, YOU!!
PIKER!

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Your Mother and Mine - Fox Trot - Shikret-Victor Orchestra
X 22041 - Low Down Rhythm - Fox Trot - The High Fatters
Gotta Feelin' for you - Fox Trot
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Reference was made by His Excellency to the concessions to public opinion which have been made in various ways, including the setting-up of a number of standing committees. He might have added to this list by citing the creation of such bodies as the Playground and Golf Site Committees, but the point to be stressed is that all these bodies act merely in an advisory capacity, and that the ultimate action still lies with the Government. In visualising the future, we have in mind a system by which such Government Departments as are now engaged in purely municipal work would come under the direct control of a Municipality, leaving to the Colonial Government such other matters as naturally fall within its orbit. His Excellency apparently thinks that if such a system came into being, he himself and the principal officers of the Government would have very little left to do. But that is not borne out by a close analysis of the matter. To take the Straits Settlements as an example, we find that the Municipality there controls the Assessment, Health, Fire Brigade, Municipal Engineers' (equivalent to our P.W.D.), Sewage, and Water Departments, to name the principal branches of its activities. There would still be left the purely administrative work of the Colonial Secretariat, the Police, Education, Harbour, and Land Departments, as well as the Magistracies, the Supreme Court, the Post Office, the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, the Treasury, and many other spheres of non-municipal activity. These would naturally remain under the control of the Executive. The Municipality, whose Commissioners would be largely unofficial, would take over the whole of the Colony's "municipal" staff. It would have its own specific sources of revenue (Singapore handles income totalling nearly \$15,000,000 per annum) and it would be wholly responsible for what might be termed domestic matters. The advantage of the system is that it would be for the Municipality, and not Officialdom, to say what work should be undertaken, and to which projects priority should be given. That, in a nutshell is what the public wants.

THE NEED FOR A MUNICIPALITY.

It is with some measure of reluctance that we have to differ with His Excellency the Governor on the eve of his departure from the Colony, but we feel we owe a duty to the public in seeking to combat his marked opposition, expressed at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, to the municipal form of government. There are points in His Excellency's remarks on this subject with which we find ourselves in complete accord, but there are others with which we cannot but disagree. Admittedly, there is no room in this Colony for the application of Democracy as understood in the United Kingdom, no room for universal and manhood suffrage, or for the whims of the demagogue or the arts of the hustler. The demand for the creation of a Municipality in Hongkong does not involve any such development. Plainly expressed, it is a demand for local control of purely local matters. There is, as we have often remarked, nothing revolutionary in this idea; not does it lay itself open to those political objections which, in His Excellency's opinion, are liable to beset democratic institutions.

Sir Cecil Clementi evidently foresees that as time goes on it will be advisable to introduce further constitutional changes so as to give the public a greater share in local government, but he envisages a perpetuation of the present system under which the Government merely listens to Unofficial advice, but retains the right to make its own decisions. It is here that the cleavage of viewpoint between public sentiment and Official opinion in regard to purely local affairs is apparent. When His Excellency suggests that Crown Colony Government is best suited to Hongkong's needs, we agree with him, but with this reservation—that room can be found for a Municipality within that form of Government, as is done, to cite two examples, in Malaya and in Ceylon. The assertion that the creation of Municipalities would duplicate the administrative machinery of the Colony to an intolerable extent, that it would be excessively uneconomical, and that it would be open to political objections, amounts to a wholesale condemnation of the system. It is pertinent to ask whether these defects have been found in places where the system operates.

British Boxer Indemnity.

If the Hongkong University and certain educational institutions in China were not in very real need of more than half-promised allocations

DAY BY DAY.

THE WAY TO GAIN A GOOD REPUTATION IS TO ENDEAVOUR TO BE WHAT YOU DESIRE TO APPEAR.—Socrates.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows one case each of small-pox and diphtheria, both being Chinese.

The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., advertise that no late cars will run after 12.05 on the nights of Friday, the 24th and Sunday the 26th.

Entries for the Motor Cycle Reliability Trial organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. and which is to be run next Friday morning, are being accepted until noon on Monday.

Admitting a charge of carrying three chickens by the wings, a Chinese roast pork dealer was fined \$5 by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of causing needless and avoidable cruelty.

A Chinese living at 400, Reclamation Street was fined \$200 by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for keeping his premises as a common gaming house by selling *po pit* lottery tickets.

Segovia and Riley, American soldiers from Manila who were arrested on the arrival in port of the Kaga Maru on charges of stowing away, were again before Mr. Whyte Smith this morning when it was stated that the first Dollar Steamship Company's vessel to leave Hongkong would be on Tuesday next. The defendants, who were originally sentenced to imprisonment until Saturday, were ordered to be detained until Tuesday.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for week ended January 23rd, 1909.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9.5/16.

Much interest was taken in the Sanitary Board election for the filling of two vacancies. The candidates were Dr. G. Fitz-Williams, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. R. A. Bellios and Mr. H. Percy Smith. The two first-named were elected.

The Canton Government sent \$10,000 to the Italian Consul in Hongkong for the relief of sufferers in the earthquake in South Italy.

Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, representing Britain at the International Opium Conference in Shanghai, arrived in Hongkong.

from the British Boxer Indemnity Fund, the red tape and muddle which have interfered with its disposal might be the subject of jest. As it is, Whitehall's manner of handling the business has been little short of scandalous. It is more than three years since Lord Willingdon's Commission submitted its report and recommendations, and as far as we can see, not a single progressive step has been made since that time. Care and consideration before commitment to any specific enterprise, and before responding to the frequent appeals from many sources, is to be expected. We cannot, however, resist the conviction that the delay in coming to a decision has been unreasonable. When Sir Austen Chamberlain held the purse-strings, his excuse was that nothing could be done until the Fund had been transferred to Trustees, that the transfer could not take place until an Act of Parliament had been passed authorising it, and that there was no time in that session of Parliament to prepare and carry the Bill through. Mr. Arthur Henderson, though apparently less reluctant to see the money pass from his care, has a new one. He told the House of Commons on Wednesday that the Chinese Government had made a proposal that the bulk of the funds should be invested in the completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway, adding that this proposal necessitated reconsideration of the whole matter in view of pre-existing obligations. If Mr. Henderson really means what he says, that the completion of the railway in question, a distance of 280 miles, would absorb the bulk of the Boxer Fund, Chamberlainism has a lot to answer for. When the Willingdon Commission reported it was estimated that the building of the line would cost round about £5,000,000; which was the amount they were prepared to devote to an investment fund. If by the somewhat unwarranted delay, the cost has risen to nearly £11,000,000, or even eight or nine millions, a great ill-service has been done. We trust a full explanation of the exact position will soon be forthcoming.

THIS CURRENCY.

[By "Cynicus."]

Every day and in every way am I not becoming thoroughly versed in the intricacies of the most desirable monetary system for this Colony of ours? I am not! What I have arrived at is this—

The base of, and/or for barter is of insufficient stability, hence the wavering tendency of the medium employed for the purpose of effecting exchange as between that which we desire, and the barter value of that with which we desire to barter. I think that will be generally agreed.

Therefore, the crux of the whole question is the ability to control the barter value of the agent of barter. Whatever one selects for that medium immediately assumes an inflated value if there is an insufficiency, and declines in value should there be a surplus, as in the case of bananas. Now, speaking of bananas, one would be extremely liable to slip-up were they employed as the medium of exchange; and to put the whole thing in a nutshell, the fruit of thrift would probably be frittered away.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

More Interesting Pictures To-morrow.

Many pictures of topical interest will appear in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement.

These will include photographs taken at the farewell function to H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi at the Cricket Club on Wednesday, further exhibits in the Hongkong University amateur photographic exhibition, as well as a number of local weddings.

The Rugby match between the Club and the Army will be illustrated, whilst there will be groups of the Arts and Medical graduates who had degrees conferred on them at the University recently, as well as a group of the Hongkong Waterworks Department staff.

when the bears battered the market in an effort to extract dough from a fluctuating exchange, brought about by a self-righting market! I am sure that is clear.

Bananas are therefore squashed, and we have to seek other media to justify the fruits of our labours being preserved. I feel that I am at last on the right track, because whilst fishing around for the answer, and there must be an answer, it has suddenly occurred to me that we might well utilise the sole standard of barter value. Thus, we have now decided on a sole medium, and to make it all the more fool-proof, I would suggest lemon soles. That brings us back to fruit as the agent, and in view of the scarcity of lemons, what better commodity can we commandeer? I know that if I thought about it long enough, the matter would be solved, and having solved Hongkong's poser, I will fade away. In case the solution is not quite clear to "Onlooker, Political Economist, Observer and Bedlam," I will conclude by pointing out that "the answer's a lemon!"

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FUNCTION.

CANTON OFFICIALS GUESTS OF GOVERNOR.

The banquet at Government House last night, at which General and Mrs. Chan Ming-shu and other official visitors from Canton, as well as many prominent members of the local Chinese community, were the guests of H.E. the Governor, was a most enjoyable affair.

In proposing the toast of the King, and the Republic of China, H.E. the Governor said:—General Chan Ming-shu, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen—I ask you to drink with me to the health of His Majesty the King; and, in token of the friendship uniting our two countries, I propose to you at the same time the toast of the prosperity and welfare of the Republic of China. May the spirit of harmony, goodwill and mutual co-operation between Canton and Hongkong grow stronger from day to day!

General Chan and party returned to Canton by the night boat, which was held back an hour to suit their convenience.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Li Ching-yuen, a clerk employed in the comptroller's office of Messrs. Gilman and Company, Bank Buildings, for the alleged embezzlement of \$645, collected by him on behalf of the firm.

The Very Idea!

The romance of two big fortunes was revealed recently.

The first story comes from Port Chester (New York), where a Czech maid-servant who married her employer, a New York stock-broker, has inherited the latter's fortune of approximately \$5,000,000.

She polished the floors and made the beds for 17 years in the huge mansion, of which she is now mistress, with eight Rolls-Royces and 20 servants, including her own brother, who is the butler.

The second story comes from Cologne.

Some poor German families residing in the village of Elch have inherited between them \$300,000, after waiting for a century.

The fortune comes from Philadelphia, where an Elch villager named Becker settled 150 years ago. He died childless, and bequeathed his estate to be held in trust for a century by the Municipal authorities of Philadelphia, after which the proceeds were to be distributed among any of the descendants of his relatives still living at his birthplace.

Buck: "Can you give me a definition of an orator?"

Private: Sure. He's the fellow who's always ready to lay down your life for his country."

Humpty Dumpty sat in a class.

Humpty Dumpty failed to pass.

All the king's horses

And all the king's men

Couldn't make Humpty Dumpty take

Algebra again.

I am glad I am an old man, and will probably not live to see 5,000,000 motor vehicles on the roads.—Lord Banbury.

The English people really do shine, among the nations of Christendom, with the truly Christian flame of charity.—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

I never met an unskilled labourer until I entered Parliament.—Mr. Jack Jones.

Most of the tragedies in this world are caused by the actions of people who are neither wholly right nor wholly wrong.—Dean Inge.

"What is the secret of success?" asked the Sphinx.

"Push," said the Button.

"Never be lead," said the Pencil.

"Take pains," said the Window.

"Always keep cool," said the Ice.

"Be up to date," said the Calendar.

"Never lose your head," said the Match.

"Make light of your troubles," said the Fire.

Mr. Oswald, the Hammersmith coroner: It is very difficult to hear anything anywhere except noises one does not want to hear.

When two cyclists were each fined 10s. at Epping, Essex, for spilling carbide in the Forest, Major Bury, the chairman, said the Bench were determined to stop litter of any sort being placed in the Forest.

Solicitor at Marylebone County Court: He deliberately works from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day so that the bailiff of the court cannot catch him at home.

Doctor, giving evidence at London Sessions in a drunkenness charge: I got him to walk the line, which he turned into a sort of pantomime—swaying, jumping, skipping, and stamping!

Woman at Bow County Court: My hubby is good to me. He shares his pension with me.

WHO WAS.....

MR. BUMBLE?

A true son of Adam was Mr. Bumble, beadle of the workhouse where Oliver Twist spent his wretched childhood. When he and his wife were arrested on a charge of theft, like his first forefather, Mr. Bumble attempted to shift all the blame on to his partner.

"It was all Mrs. Bumble. She made me do it," he averred, and was both astounded and dismayed when the learned judge informed him that "the law supposes that your wife acts under your direction."

Then did Mr. Bumble utter his much-quoted epigram: "The law is a ass! a idiot," said he. "If that's the eye of the law, the law's a batchelor, and the worst I wish the law is that its eye may be opened by experience—by experience!"

Fully to appreciate Mr. Bumble's dismay on hearing the learned judge's announcement you must know that Mr. Bumble, though a bully and a blusterer to his poor little charges, was at heart a coward. In his own home he was as meek and mild as could be, having married a widow with a blistering temper, who had soon reduced him to abject submissiveness.

The sayings and doings of this unpleasing but amusing pair are chronicled in one of Charles Dickens' best-known novels, "Oliver Twist."

**SCHOOL BRIBERY
CONDEMNED.****PRACTICE DENOUNCED AT
PRIZE-GIVING.****ADVICE TO PUPILS.**

"Boys who leave this school to go into a higher class in another school are unwise," said Mr. G. P. de Martin, when addressing the boys of the Ellis Kadoorie School at their annual prize-giving this morning. He impressed upon the senior boys that there were good English schools in the Colony, and those schools which bribed boys to join them just in order to place them in a higher class, were not good schools. They must never, he said, forget the Ellis Kadoorie School.

Mrs. G. P. de Martin distributed the prizes after the Headmaster (Mr. F. J. de Rome) had read his annual report, and, at the conclusion, she was presented with a bouquet of pink roses with silver holder.

The New Territories.

Mr. G. P. de Martin then addressed the boys, saying:—I am very glad to say a few words to you, as it gives me the opportunity of welcoming Mr. de Rome back to the school. I am sure you are all very glad to see him back. I should also like to thank Mr. de Rome for asking my wife to give the prizes away. It is a very great honour, and she is very happy to do so.

Mr. de Martin referred to a new book recently issued dealing with the New Territories where he and his wife lived. They were very glad to have that book written about the Territories. According to the book, the people in the New Territories were either fishermen, farmers or quarry workers. He did not know if his wife did much fishing, but they all did a little quarrying, and he knew she was an expert farmer. He was very glad to note that the boys of the Ellis Kadoorie had the opportunity of learning history. Some people thought that history was not a very useful subject, but one was not really properly educated if ignorant of this subject. He congratulated Mr. de Rome on the success of the New Reader.

School Bribery.

"I have now two things I wish to say to the bigger boys," continued Mr. de Martin. "In the report it says that there has been boys who have gone away from here into another school in a higher class. The boys who did that are unwise, because if they are going into a higher class in another school, it is not a good school. There are good English schools in the Colony, and the schools who only bribe boys to put them into a higher class are not good schools. You boys who are going away into a higher school never want to forget the Ellis Kadoorie School. You may go to a higher school and you may become great men some day, but you began your education here, and you must not forget to be grateful to this school. My wife and I wish you all a very happy New Year." (Applause.)

Cheers for Mr. and Mrs. G. P. de Martin, for the Headmaster and staff and for the visitors brought the function to a close.

The Annual Report.

The Headmaster's report was as follows:—I was absent on leave from February to November and Mr. J. Ralston acted as Headmaster. Both personally and on behalf of the whole school I desire to express appreciation of the great interest he took in the general welfare of the school.

Our numbers dropped during the year from 440 to 340, the average daily attendance was very good 97%. Many boys left owing to economic causes, amongst them one or two scholarship holders. About 150 boys were refused admission for reasons stated last year. Also as reported last year a number of boys have been traced as having left during the year only to join up another school in a higher class. I regret this for more reasons than one; unless good foundations are laid in the District Schools by gradual progression from class to class, then results are bound to be unsatisfactory later on.

There have been more than the usual changes in the staff owing to the demands of home leave. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Church back again but sorry to lose the services of Miss Newhouse.

New Readers.

The New Method Readers introduced into Class 8 have been very successful and I can say with confidence that the series are far superior to the old Readers. The boys to any readers I have yet seen. The Class masters much prefer them to the old Readers, which are not planned on scientific lines. The supplementary readers, based on these Readers used in class and essentially for revision purposes and home reading, provide valuable and pleasurable practice in continuous reading without sacrificing sense to sound as is so frequent in Reading Primers. They are real stories, and yet introduce no new words. The author claims from experience with Indian boys that an average-class learns to read English at least twice as quickly as using the old Readers: if this is our experience, then I hope the numbers of our best

**DEATH OF NOTED SILK
MANUFACTURER.****INVENTOR OF SPECIAL TYPE
OF VELVET.**

London, Jan. 23.
The death has occurred of Sir Frank Warner, the well-known head of the firm of Warner and Sons, the silk manufacturers. He was 67 years of age.

He has written a good deal regarding the silk industry of the United Kingdom, while he was the inventor and patentee of figured velvets having three heights of pile.

In the course of an extremely busy life, Sir Frank Warner gave considerable assistance to the Government in industrial matters. He held several important posts during the war, receiving the K.B.E. for his services, in 1918.

He was Chairman of the Board of Trade Committee on British Industries, Chairman of the British Silk Research Association from 1920 to 1927, member of the City of London Corporation during the same period, and for seven years, President of the Silk Association of Great Britain.—*Reuter*.

boys will not be further depleted as noted above. I am examining the New Method English Composition books based on these Readers; these Composition books teach children to use in speech and writing those words already encountered in their reading.

Geometrical Drawing was introduced into Class 4 at the beginning of the year and should serve as a valuable introduction to the Theoretical Geometry in Class 5.

I wish to thank Mr. Evans for undertaking the supervision of the Geography in all classes.

Each class from Class 7 upwards has a supplementary history reader. Our history room, replete with pictures, charts and maps, has been well used.

All classes except Class 8, have General Knowledge lessons from the admirable Pictorial Education, etc. series; Class 4 in addition has a general knowledge lesson from the newspaper. Questions are set on these topics at the examinations; the lessons are valuable and very popular.

Extra-Mural Activities.

The usual extra-mural activities of the school flourish, viz. the whole school on the R.C.R. to Shum Chun (twice), individual classes over the Kowloon water system, walks in the New Territories, Class 4 on visits to wharves and dockyards, launch trips round the island and round the harbour, motor buses to Stanley, two teams in the Volley Ball League, one team Ping Pong League, bathing at Kennedy Town, inter-class Volley Ball and Football matches. Each class has a drill lesson once a week. The boys on the whole were healthy although the Medical Officer for Schools, reported many cases of trachoma; these boys were dealt with at the G.C.H.

The discipline has been very good. Our libraries, of which we have three, have been well looked after by Mr. Lo Wai Kwan—they are well patronised both by Staff and boys. Each class has one silent reading lesson per week from the English library books.

I desire to thank Sir Henry Pollock for presenting us with three valuable old Admiralty Engravings of Hongkong (1846). They make a splendid addition to our collection of local photographs.

I big to express our grateful thanks to the donors of the valuable scholarships and prizes and to Mrs. G. P. de Martin for so kindly coming all the way from Tai Po to present these prizes to-day. It is her first visit to the school and we welcome her most heartily. In conclusion, I desire to thank the staff for their co-operation with Mr. Ralston during the year.

Prize List.

The prize-winners, apart from the Class Prizes, were:
Lau Chu Pak Scholarship (2nd. Instalment).—Chun Yuk-cheong.
Tai Yau Scholarship (2nd. Instalment).—Li Chung-fat.
Lugard Scholarship.—Che Kwan-ling.

Full Free Scholarships to Queen's College.—Li Koon-pak, Mak Cheuk-lung, Yee King-chuen, Choi Yat-hang and Wong Tak-tung.
Lau Chu Pak Scholarship (1st. Instalment).—Chau Yu-fai.
Tai Yau Scholarship (1st. Instalment).—Ng Kam-shui.

Wu Hay Tong Scholarships.—Class 4, Chan Ka-chak and Wong Tin-choong; Class 5, Tsang Shu-cheong and Chung Chi-hai; Class 6, Cheung Man-pui and Ng Kam-hing; Class 7, Tang Hing-kwong and Tang Kim-sung; Class 8, Chau Yan-pui and Yu Chan-shui.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarships.—Senior, Tung Wah-tat; Intermediate, Li Kwan-tong; Junior, Li Hon-wa.
Chan Kai Ming Scholarships.—Senior, Chan King-hong; Junior, Ho Chan-shui.

Mrs. Lau Chu Pak Scholarships.—Senior, Chung Wing-kwong; Junior, Abdullah Mustafa.
Government Scholarships.—Class 5 to Class 4, Mak Kwong-shau; Class 6 to Class 5, Szeto-fuk; Class 7 to Class 6, Chau Ki-ming; Class 8 to Class 7, Li Wai-sun.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie Prizes.—Class 4, 1st Yee King-chuen; 2nd Wong Tin-choong; 3rd Ng Kam-shui. Class 5, 1st, Chung Chi-hai, equal 2nd, Chung Wing-kwong and Mak Kwong-shau. Class 6, 1st, Kwok Kam-muk; 2nd, Kwong Chiu-ling; 3rd, Ho Shu-lun. Class 7, 1st, Chau Ki-ming; 2nd, Chan Kam-hung; 3rd, Tang Hing-kwong. Class 8, 1st, Li Wai-sun; 2nd, Shum Wing-hong; 3rd, Chau Yan-pui. Class 8, equal first, Yuen Sing-chuen and Ip She-yat.

**STRANGE QUARREL
OVER WAGES.****COMPRADORE'S COMPLAINT
TO POLICE.****A DEFENDANT WEEPS.**

A feud which a compradore's man pursued against his employer during the whole trip from Swatow to Haiphong, and which did not terminate until the vessel had returned to Hongkong, when the matter was investigated by the Police, was related to Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning.

An undersized native of Fukien, lately employed as a stevedoring coolie on the s.s. Chi Keng, was charged with assaulting his employer, a Shanghai Chinese, who occupied the position of compradore of the steamer.

The Northerner said that the accused was one of the most discontented men he had on board, and when the ship arrived at Haiphong, expressed his intention of returning to Swatow. How he proposed to do that, except by returning on the ship he was employed, was not stated, but what most concerned witness was that he should want his wages there and then. Witness refused.

Much trouble was given by the Fukienese on the trip back to Hongkong. He followed the compradore ashore and assaulted him in the course of another argument over his wages. Finally, the matter was referred to the Police, and the Fukienese was arrested, being seen to kick the Northerner after having been once warned by the Police.

It was stated that all the compradore owed the accused was some forty cents, or at the most, a dollar. The compradore informed the Court that he was willing to pay as much as \$5 to cover the cost of a passage for the accused to Swatow and at the same time to leave him something to return to his native village with. His Worship commented on the magnanimity of the offer, remarking that the Fukienese got off very well with it.

The accused was not satisfied. He complained of having been kicked and beaten until he was blue and black all over his body. "I became sick after this treatment, but was not given any medicine. He gave me only a few drops of brandy, and if it had not been for that I would have died."

The recollection of it brought tears into his eyes. He wept. His Worship, after binding the accused over, instructed the Police to make arrangements for him to be sent away on a ship which was leaving for Swatow at 2 o'clock to-day.

OPERA SEASON.**"IL TROVATORE" A BIG
SUCCESS.**

The Italian Grand Opera Company scored another success at the Star Theatre last night, when Verdi's ever-popular "Il Trovatore" was played. Full of melody from start to finish, with its rich and varied harmonies, the leading characters portrayed in the respective roles in masterly manner, their singing being exceptionally good. The story itself is pleasingly simple, depicting a gypsy's vengeance in a straightforward manner, and the most blase playgoer

CORRESPONDENCE.**The Currency Problem.**

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—It is to be deplored that when a body like the Mid-Level Association for the Assistance of Banks in Distress passes resolutions "for the uplift of humanity," exactly as those of the Kowloon What's-names have done, they should be regarded by such a financial authority as "Onlooker," as "idle vapourings."

When Mr. Onlooker passes a resolution that "the note issue be at once adjusted to bring the purchasing-power of the dollar back to that obtaining in October last," it is apparently the weightiest pronouncement of the week; whereas when my humble Association propose that it be adjusted to bring the purchasing-power back to what it was in 1920, it is characterised as a comedian's insanity.

Tut-tut, Mr. Onlooker! If we bring back a lost purchasing-power by the mere adjustment of a note-issue, why not do the job thoroughly and give the hard-hit wage-earner a really favourable exchange rate—a 6/- dollar, and no less?

In comparing the two sets of resolutions, Mr. Onlooker's and mine, it does not seem that one is any more humorous or insane than the other. Nothing could be funnier than "Onlooker's" implication that this Colony, in trying to reduce the premium on its notes, has been partly responsible for the silver slump. In our efforts to reduce the premium, we purchased sufficient silver to mint some 15 million dollars, so that far from accentuating the fall in silver, Hongkong actually lent support to the market in its downward career!—Yours, etc.,

BEDLAM.
Hongkong, Jan. 24th, 1930.

"Der Freischütz."

Sir,—In to-day's edition of the Telegraph you mention Wagner as the composer of the opera "Der Freischütz." I hope you will take it in good part when I tell you that you are mistaken.

"Der Freischütz" was set to music by Carl Maria von Weber, who, for some time, lived in the little town of Eutin, in the North-west part of Germany, where his monument is still to be seen. One part of the large forest near this town is called "Die Wolfsschlucht," and it is said to have inspired Weber to write the famous shooting scene; and, when you see those tall fir-trees growing there, you may easily imagine it.

Yours, etc.,
MARG. LOETZKE.
Hongkong, Jan. 22nd, 1930.

[We thank our correspondent for pointing out the error. As stated, the opera is the work of Weber, not Wagner. This "Who Was?" series is a contributed feature, and the statements contained therein are naturally taken on trust.—Ed. H.K.T.]

must admit that it succeeds admirably.

The chorus and orchestra were in good form, and frequent applause from the audience indicated the enjoyment derived from the various solos, concerted work by the soloists and choruses. The Anvil Chorus was particularly well done, as was also the famous *Miserere* scene.

There should be a large audience to-night for Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor."

**YAUMATI SCHOOL
PRIZE DAY.****PAST YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED
BY HEAD MASTER.****A HIGH STANDARD.**

Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, who was accompanied by Mr. Sutherland, presented the prizes to the successful students at the Yaumati School this morning, when Mr. C. Mycock, the Head Master, gave a brief resume of the year's activities of the School.

Addressing the assembly Mr. Mycock said:—The School was opened 372 times during the year. Maximum enrolment, 272; average daily attendance, 255, or 97%.

Staff.

At the end of the year the staff consisted of a Headmaster, three European Mistresses, eight Anglo-Chinese Masters and three Vernacular Masters. Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Murphy were on home leave for the greater part of the year and their places were taken by Mrs. Heath, transferred from Kowloon Junior School on 12.2.29, and Mr. Cheung Leung-wing, B.A., appointed 18.2.29. Mr. Wong Kai-leung was appointed on 12.9.29 vice Mr. Hui King-him transferred to Wanchai School. On 31.12.29, Mrs. Heath resigned and Mr. Wong Kai-leung was transferred to Cheung Chau Government School.

The fees—\$5 per month—were made payable for every month in the year. D.N.A. Medical fee—\$5—on entry remained unchanged.

Building and Equipment.

Repairs to the floor and roof were effected during the midsummer holidays when the School was repainted and colour washed. The building has been improved as much as possible but in the near future it is hoped to have a better system of lighting and a flush installation. The floors are being waxed and polished as opportunity occurs. The furniture has been inspected by a Board of Survey and replacements will be made as and when possible. Two new black boards were supplied in September.

No change was made in the syllabus. Dialogues have been introduced and are popular with both Staff and boys.

Health.

The general health of the School is good. Inspections by the M.O. Schools took place in March and October. Vision defects remain high, twenty-six boys being supplied with spectacles. Many absences due to fever occur in September onwards, particularly of boys from the New Territories. In December 78 boys offered themselves for re-vaccination.

Studies.

In the annual examination the results were:—English, 244 boys examined, 186 passed, 76%; Chinese, 244 boys examined, 233 passed, 95%. The figures last year were 85% and 95% respectively.

Class 7b and 4b proved very weak as a natural sequence to the misfortunes of 1928, when, through sickness, 8b and 5b were without regular and responsible class teachers. The general standard is high. Colloquial throughout, showing improvement. An attempt has been made to raise the standard, but this policy has its drawbacks, several boys, on receiving promotion to a higher class in other schools at the half year, having left.

Class 4 results in the annual examination were very unsatisfactory. Of 46 boys examined, 28 passed, 61%. The personally conducted half-yearly examination gave results somewhat similar; 53 boys were examined and 39 passed, 73%.

Several old boys distinguished themselves in the recent University Examinations.

Athletics.

Ground O at King's Park has been allotted to the School for play on all days in the week. The arrangements made last year for the systematic use of it, having proved successful, remain in force. A revised summer time-table was adopted and enabled the boys to indulge in swimming at Lai Chi Kok almost daily. The usual picnic was held on Dragon Boat Day at Picnic Bay.

Matches in volleyball and football have been regularly arranged and the School has been represented at all athletic meetings with occasional success. The Inter-Class Volley Ball and Football Shields were both won by Class 4a; 4b and 5b being the other finalists. The 13th annual sports held in December were an unqualified success and attracted a record number of entries.

In January, 1929, more than 100 boys attended the Agricultural Show and at a later date an interesting travel lecture and film was seen at the Star Theatre.

The Library has maintained its popularity and been well supplied with periodicals. Arrangements are in hand for an extension of its activities by a supply of Supplementary Readers for use in Class.

Personal Hygiene is taught in Class and manners and discipline continue satisfactory.

In conclusion I desire to thank Mrs. Sutherland for so kindly coming to present the prizes and the staff and Prefects for their loyal co-operation and support during the year.

[Owing to pressure on our space the prize list is withheld.]

LAND CO. DIVIDEND.

The Directors of the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., have declared a final dividend of \$2 per share. This, with the Interim Dividend of \$2 already paid, makes \$4 in all for the year 1929.

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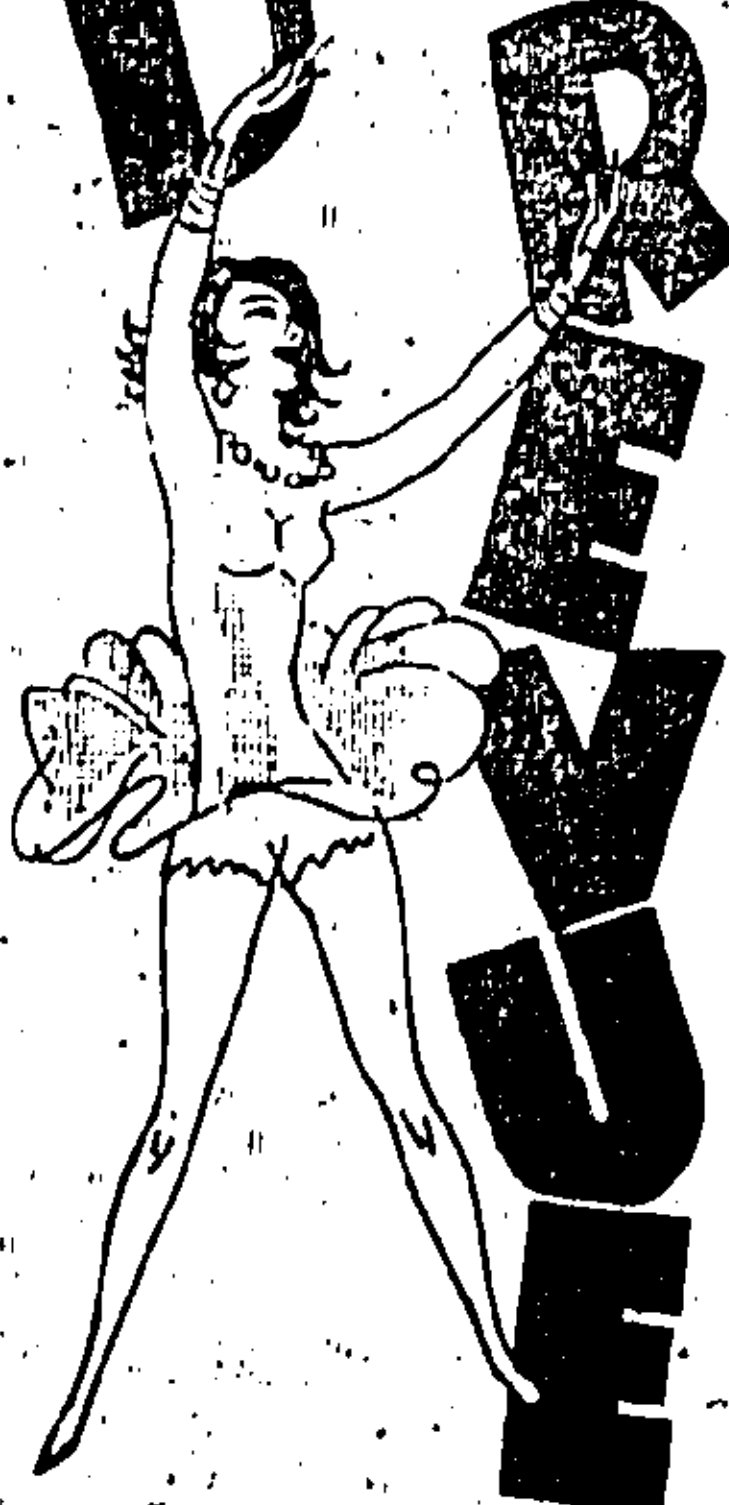
Bantamweight	Pte. Pierce v O.S. Evans
	K.O.S.B. H.M.S. Kent
Light-heavyweight	Pte. Woolley v L.S. Irwin
	K.O.S.B. H.M.S. Kent
Middleweight	Pte. Bauch v Marine Woolford
	S.L.I. H.M.S. Hermes
Lightweight	Pte. Hume v Stoker Harley
	K.O.S.B. H.M.S. Kent
Welterweight	L/O. Woodhouse v A.B. Trimming
	S.L.I. H.M.S. Hermes
Lightweight	Corpl. Herston v O.S. Scott
	S.L.I. H.M.S. Hermes
Middleweight Contest	Lt. O.G.H. Christian v A.B. Ewin
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INTERESTING GAMES.

[By "Wanderer"]

A mixture of league and shield matches, the former preponderating, comprises the soccer programme for to-morrow. St. Joseph's and the Somersets meet to decide which is to visit the Stadium on February 15 in the second round of the Senior Shield, the remaining Senior sides having league fixtures.

The full list is appended:

First Round.
St. Joseph's v Somersets.—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.

Second Round.
Somersets v Navy.—Sookumpoo, 2.30.
Kowloon v Chinese "A".—Kowloon, 2.30.

Third Round.
St. John's v St. Joseph's.—Caroline Hill, 2.30.

Fourth Round.
Club v Chinese Ath.—Club, 4 p.m.
Kowloon v K.O.S.B.—Kowloon, 4 p.m.

Fifth Round.
Navy v South China.—Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.
Recreio v R.A.—Recreio, 4 p.m.

Sixth Round.
Chinese "B" v R.A.M.C.—Chinese Hill, 4 p.m.
Ewo v R.A. Res.—St. Joseph's, 2.30.

Seventh Round.
The Shield Competition.

As the Police might say, "You never can tell," but there should be little doubt regarding the outcome of the Senior Shield between the Somersets and St. Joseph's. The College team appears to have fallen off lately after a decided improvement on their early season displays, while it is not safe to assume that the Somersets will fall into the errors which brought about their unexpected defeat a week ago.

In the Junior Division, the Navy and South China should win comfortably. There should be a keen fight at Kowloon bearing in mind the league match in which Kowloon led Chinese "A" by three goals at half time and lost 4-3. It should be noted that extra time must be played in these games, if necessary.

Club Strengthened.

Alexander and Scott return to the Club team for to-morrow's big game against the Athletic, and the re-arrangement is such as to give the forward line a little pep, notably absent last week. The Athletic are making no change from their team of a week ago and they will be all out to win as the Club are the only team, in addition to the K.O.S.B., which has succeeded in lowering their colours this season. I don't think it can be done twice.

The Navy play South China and a keen struggle is to be expected. If the Navy have discovered their shooting boots, since last Saturday, they should win comfortably.

Kowloon and Borderers.

The return match between Kowloon and the K.O.S.B. promises the most interesting match of the day. The Borderers have a defeat to wipe out; Kowloon are usually at their best against the K.O.S.B. Kowloon are still without Bliss, whose injury appears to be very serious from a footballing point of view and Runham again fills the vacancy in the half-back line though his exhibition last Saturday was not entirely satisfactory. The Borderers will play the combination which has brought them a steady run of success lately, namely: Stock at inside-left instead of right, McGinley inside-right instead of left, and Everest at centre-forward. The Borderers will start warm favourites.

The Recreio meet the R.A. and the result is impossible to forecast. The Recreio don't field the same team two weeks running.

Chinese "B" and Ewo should score points in the Junior League matches.

Probable Teams.

Kowloon:—Angus; Gillett, Pile (C.); Hedley, Dwyman, Runham;

CRICKET.

TEAMS FOR THE WEEK-END MATCHES.

The following teams have been selected to play in the match Married v Single on the H.K.C.C. ground next Saturday.

Married.—T. E. Pearce, H. J. Armstrong, J. Rodger, C. A. L. Rickett, H. Owen Hughes, E. R. Duckitt, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. R. Way, P. Jacks, S. J. Jordan, S. J. Stacey, S. J. Single.—K. H. Batson, F. Sillitoe, J. R. Hinton, G. E. R. Divett, A. C. Beck, H. V. Parker, A. Reid, W. Harris Walker, R. K. Hepburn, O. E. C. Marton, G. D. Mend.

Services v Combined League.

The following will represent the United Services and Combined League on the Kowloon C.C. ground on Sunday commencing at 11 a.m.: Major R. H. Crake, Captain J. R. Reynolds, Lieutenant A. H. Musson, Lieutenant W. A. H. Maxwell, Private Joyce, Commander F. A. Baker, Squadron Leader C. Bumphrey, Able Seaman F. Laslett, Sub-Lieut. P. C. Mosley, Commander E. G. Stanley, Lieutenant F. M. R. Stephenson, A. N. Other.

Royal Navy v K.C.C.

The following will represent the Royal Navy in a friendly match versus Kowloon C.C. on the Navy ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday:—Vice Admiral Sir A. K. Wastell, Paymaster Commander E. C. Anshelm, Commander F. C. Baker, Squadron Leader Bumphrey, Stoker T. Cross, Lieutenant D. R. Evans, Able Seaman F. Laslett, Sub-Lieut. P. C. Mosley, Commander E. G. Stanley, Lieutenant F. M. R. Stephenson, A. N. Other.

Recreio v Civil Service.

The following will represent the Recreio in their League match against the Civil Service, at King's Park to-morrow:—J. J. Gutierrez, H. A. Alves, H. A. Barros, H. M. Xavier, D. P. Xavier, A. P. Pereira, J. E. Noronha, C. M. Sousa, F. J. Remedios, G. A. Gutierrez and F. H. Carvalho. Reserve:—J. H. Figueiredo.

K. C. C. Teams.

The K.C.C. teams for Saturday are as under:—1st XI v Navy: King's Park.—W. Bruce (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsey, N. H. Ross, W. C. Hung, S. Jex, A. T. Lee, F. E. Lawrence, F. Zimmerman, Seer, A. Hyde-Lay, umpire, J. P. Robinson.

2nd XI v R.A.M.C., K.C.C. ground.—R. Petheram (Capt.), C. Lee, N. A. E. Mackay, P. S. W. Smith, A. R. P. Raven, H. G. G. J. H. H. A. J. Kow, D. E. Raven, G. A. V. H. H. Marlow, Seer, Capt. Lantham, umpire, A. W. Bliss.

INTERPORT SOCCER.

TIENSIN, ALSO VISITING SHANGHAI.

The honorary secretary of the Shanghai Football Association has received the following telegram from the Tientsin Football Association:—"Tientsin team sailing deinitely in the str. Wilfred on January 27. The composition of the team is:—Roxburgh; Waddell and Kid; Kazoulin, Parker, Cooke, Fingerhelt, Rodger, Pearson, Coulcher, Johann, Reserves:—McPhee, Morton. Mr. Greenfield will accompany the team as manager. The team will play in red shirts. Waddell, Kid, Pearson, and McPhee are British Army."

The visit of the Tientsin team will necessitate a readjustment of the arrangements which have been made public regarding Interport Soccer at China New Year, and in this connection there was to be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Football Association on Tuesday, when an amended programme was to be decided on.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

INDIAN R.C. TO MEET THE ARMY

The following will represent the Indian R.C. 1st XI in a League match against The Army to-morrow on the L.R.C. ground:—A. A. Rumjahn, J. S. A. Curreen, A. el Arculli, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Hadar, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. P. Minu, C. F. Doodha and A. M. Rumjahn. Reserve: T. Hamet, Scorer: A. R. R. zack.

Pile (T.M.), McKelvie, Miles, Simpson and Eastman.

Kowloon Reserves:—Angus Jn.; Guest, Hast; Springett, Givens, Dunnett; Moore, Baker, Moss, Coates and Bickford.

Club:—Rodger; Wallington, Bishop; Gilchrist, Stewart, Watson; Ball, Alexander, McBride, Scott and Dean. Reserves:—Reid and Jackson.

LAWN TENNIS.

DRAW FOR HONGKONG C. C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

The draw for the Championship events in the lawn tennis tournament run by the Hongkong Cricket Club was made yesterday evening, the full list of the first round matches in the Open Singles, Open Doubles and Club Championship being given below.

In the Open Singles there are 52 entries, leaving twelve players with byes. E. C. Fincher and Ng Sze-kwong are among the who will not play until the second round. Both these players are in the top quarter and appear likely to meet in the fourth round. M. W. Lo, (the holder) appears in the third quarter which also includes Ng Sze-kwong, and H. D. Rumjahn. The Tientsin player, (A. L. Rumjahn) S. E. Green and S. A. Rumjahn figure in the third quarter while in the last quarter Honda would seem to have quite a comfortable passage to the semi-final. He meets Horace Lo in the first round.

The Finchers have drawn a bye in the first round of the Open Doubles and appear in the same quarter as the Lo brothers. In the second quarter are the Greens, F. A. Redmond and A. L. Sullivan and H. Yoshida and T. Yamada. The third quarter contains the names of T. Honda and T. Akiyama, G. W. Sewell and J. S. McEachran, A. L. Rumjahn and A. E. Cassumbhoy and H. Owen Hughes and A. D. Humphreys. In the fourth quarter appear the Rumjahn cousins, (the holders) and Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung.

The tournament is due to commence on February 10 and although the draw for the handicap events has been made the handicappers have not yet been fixed.

The draw for the first rounds of the Open events and the Club Championship are as follows:

Open Singles.
E. C. Fincher, Mok Hing-sung, S. A. Gray, G. H. W. Churchill, Lee Hing-nak and Ng Sze-kwong bye; A. H. Crook v E. Zimmerman; F. Grosse v Ho Ka-lau; D. S. Green v A. H. Johnson; M. W. Lo v Luk King-cheung; H. Y. Ho v Ng Sze-cheung; F. H. Kwok v Y. J. Khan; E. W. Liang v T. O. Monaghan; H. D. Rumjahn v F. A. Redmond; Luk Ding-cheung v D. D. Bumpf; H. Owen Hughes v E. F. Fincher; A. E. Cassumbhoy v A. L. Rumjahn; S. E. Green v Wong In-nam; J. A. B. Cassumbhoy v M. K. Lo; J. Barrow v H. Yoshida; W. C. Hung v P. W. J. Plummer; S. A. Rumjahn v A. D. Humphreys; A. L. Sullivan v Cheng Chi-wing; Y. Hachima v Yew Man-kit; Y. Sajiiki v Capt. E. C. Elherington; T. Honda v H. Lo; F. J. Remedios; I. M. A. Ranaek, P. Akiyama, Kang Too-cheung, H. C. Gould, and Chiu Chun-chu bye.

Open Doubles.

E. C. and E. F. Fincher bye; E. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok v W. C. Hung and Cheng Chi-wing; L. Forster and Dr. Montgomery v M. K. and M. W. Lo; Luk King-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung v Y. J. Khan and T. K. Liang; Barrow and D. M. Macdonough v Kang Too-cheung and Ho Ka-lau; S. E. and D. S. Green v Ho Ka-lau and Chiu Chun-chu; O. E. C. Marton and H. J. Armstrong v F. A. Redmond and A. L. Sullivan; H. Yoshida and T. Yamada v Dr. D. J. Valentine and A. H. Crook; Yew Man-kit and F. Grosse v T. Honda and T. Akiyama; G. W. Sewell and J. S. McEachran v Perez Ali and Firdos Khan; T. C. Monaghan and B. G. Griggs v A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. B. Cassumbhoy; H. Owen Hughes and A. D. Humphreys v Y. Sajiiki and Y. Hachima; E. Zimmerman and A. B. Hanson v S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn; Lieut. Col. Wyatt and Dr. L. T. Rida v F. J. Remedios and H. A. Barros; C. Choa and H. Lo v Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung; Li Wai-toi and Li Woon-toi v H. V. Parker and A. Morse.

Club Championship.

S. E. Green bye; B. L. A. Lennox v J. A. Summers; R. M. Wood v T. C. Monaghan; G. H. W. Churchill v H. Owen Hughes; W. H. Le Sueur v Dr. D. J. Valentine; A. D. Humphreys v P. W. J. Plummer; O. E. C. Marton v T. J. Price; C. de Bruyn v L. Forster; H. Nijhoff v I. S. Harris; A. L. Sullivan v D. M. Macdonough; A. H. Crook v Capt. E. C. Elherington; Dr. L. T. Rida v H. J. Armstrong; A. H. Block v H. V. Parker; F. A. Redmond v J. Barrow; A. H. Johnson and D. S. Green bye.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Football Queries.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Could you please provide me with the answers to the following questions:—

- (a) The holding capacity of the Derby County and Leeds United grounds.
- (b) When the Greenock Morton Football Club was founded.
- (c) Which of Halliday and Buchanan scored the most goals for Sunderland. Both are now with the Arsenal.—Yours, etc., J. E. J.

[Our records of Home Football are not sufficient to enable us to answer any of the questions with accuracy. Perhaps one of our readers can prove more helpful. The biggest attendance on record at the Derby ground is 30,687, while the record attendance for Leeds United is 49,799. Both figures may be regarded as very close to capacity.

Halliday played only four seasons for Sunderland, scoring 160 goals. Buchanan's total is not available, but his average in a season was round about twenty, while Halliday averaged 40. We do not know the age of the Morton club.—Ed.]

LADIES' HOCKEY.

SECOND ELEVEN TEAM FOR SATURDAY.

The following team will represent the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club 2nd XI in a match against the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club 2nd XI on the Naval ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, 25th January. Bully off 3.00 p.m.

G. E. Little, P. Carter, M. King; A. N. Other, F. Wobber, Z. Bird, A. E. Steele, E. Blackburn, C. Ferguson, J. L. Whyte, A. Steel.

GARRISON NEWS.

RETIREMENT OF AN R.A. OFFICER.

Lieut. G. M. Seal, Royal Artillery, who is well-known in Hongkong association football circles as an excellent referee, has been permitted to retire. He will sail for England next month in H/T Neauralla.

Small Units Cricket.

A very interesting cricket match was played on Wednesday afternoon at Sookumpoo between the R.A.P. Corps and the combined R.E. and R. Signals team, which ended in a draw owing to falling light.

The Engineers batted first, obtaining 167 runs, of which Lt. Gough and Houghton each made 46. A feature of the innings was the work in the field of Garvey, who made four good catches in the long field, besides saving numbers of strong hits for the boundary. Captain Elherington took three wickets for 31 runs.

The Pay Corps innings commenced shakily, the first four wickets falling comparatively cheaply. However, Ward and Captain Kirkpatrick stayed together to make 61 for the fifth wicket. When this wicket fell the match was concluded as the light made further play impossible. Ward batted finely for 70 not out without giving a chance, and was very strong on the leg side. The Pay Corps made a very good game of it, considering that they were a man short, and their score of 117 for five wickets gave them a chance of winning had the game been able to have been played out.

Football.

In the Hongkong Area Football League, at Christian Road yesterday afternoon, 31st (H) Battery, R.A., defeated the R.E. & R. Signals by three goals to nil, and have now rendered themselves certain of winning the League. Teams: 31st (H) Bty., R.A. Malby; Oliver, Seal; Hall, Fletcher, Joyce; Cotton, Gill, Leach, Rogers.

R.E. & R. Signals.—Perry; Sabin, Penny; Palmer, Grosvenor, Dolling; Higgins, Maynard, Cotton, Morris, Monaghan.

After some midfield play following on a corner to the Gunners, fine passing took them down the field. Gill's shot just clearing the bar, a strong attack by the Engineers got very near the Gunners' goal, but Seal was safe. At the other end, Leach forced a corner from Sabin, but Penny cleared. The Gunners continued to remain near the Engineers' goal, and Leach opened the scoring with a cross shot that gave Perry little chance.

Determined attacks, and some good headed passes, took the Engineers in front of goal, but poor shots enabled the danger to be averted. The Gunners were unused to having their

HONDURAS AGAIN.

MOBILISES AGAINST GUATEMALA.

New York, Jan. 22. A message from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, states that the Foreign Minister has announced the mobilisation of certain troops, with the object of dislodging Guatemalan troops which are reported to have occupied Honduran territory. —Reuter's American Service.

CLOUDY FORECAST.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains stationary to the North of the Yangtze Valley. A depression is situated to the East of Hokaido. A typhoon is indicated less than 200 miles South-East of Yap probably moving Westward. Fresh moon-son will continue along the South-East Coast of China and over the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

opponents taking up so much of the play, and came back with nice short passes, Leach's shot being held by Perry, though he had no chance with one of Gill's "specials" a minute later. Further play at either end, with Perry in fine form and saving hard shots, concluded the first half.

On resuming, the Gunners kept up their pressure. Cotton, of the Engineers, missed an open goal from about five yards range when his side had made a good run. Fletcher took the ball well up the field, and passed across the goal, and Rodgers, after fumbling the ball, finally found the net. The rest of the game contained fine passing runs by both sides, the Engineers being especially well served by Perry in goal, and the score would have been much higher had it not been for his splendid play.

The R.A.O.C. team did well to force a draw with "B" Company, K.O.S.B., at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, each side finding the net twice.

Teams: Navy Matches.

At Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, in the China Fleet Football League, Iroquois defeated Petersfield by four goals to two, in a well-contested game. Teams:

Iroquois.—Wyatt; Hamon, Oliver, Curtis, Nobes, Allsop; Brough, Hall, Evans, Wade, Fell.

Petersfield.—Smith; Gengo, Cook; Pearce, Paddon, Lowe; Walker, Mayne, Churchward, Wells, Bibbens.

A second China Fleet Football League match at Happy Valley yesterday ended in a win for Herald from Marazion by the odd goal in three. Teams:

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S
FAREWELLPRESIDES LAST TIME AT
COUNCIL MEETING.

MUNICIPALITY ISSUE.

"It is with a heavy heart I rise to address you for the last time in this Chamber which I have known for 30 years, which contains for me so many memories and in which so much of the history of Hongkong has been made."

Thus spoke His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) on rising to reply to farewell tributes paid by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, at a meeting of the Legislative Council, held yesterday afternoon. The Unofficial members expressed profound sorrow at His Excellency's departure and very sincere wishes for his happiness and success in the post of Governor of the Straits Settlements. The Senior Chinese Unofficial member referred to the very great interest His Excellency had always taken in the Chinese. "You have," he said, "been the greatest friend the Chinese have had among a long line of Governors, who have all been our real friends."

At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the Council, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said:—Sir, although the community, as a whole, finally took leave of you yesterday, it is only fitting that some words of farewell, however brief, should be addressed to you in this Council, where you have, at different times, officiated as Clerk of Councils, as acting Colonial Secretary, and as Governor.

This afternoon there is a profound feeling of regret, which is shared by official and Unofficial members alike, that this is the last occasion on which you will be present at this Council, over which you have presided for more than four years past with so much tact, patience, courtesy and ability.

In bidding you farewell, we desire to take this opportunity of wishing you happiness and success, not only in the post of Governor of the Straits Settlements but also in any further official positions to which His Majesty the King may hereafter be pleased to appoint you (Loud Applause).

Chinese Tribute.

Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow said:—Sir, four years ago, in this very room, I had the honour and privilege of welcoming Your Excellency and Lady Clementi back to Hongkong, and to-day it is my melancholy duty to bid you farewell. During the four arduous years of your Governorship, events of portentous import have taken place in this Colony and in South China.

When you assumed your duties, the political sky was overcast, and the mind of the people was filled with ominous forebodings, but in a comparatively short time you were able to disperse much of the dark cloud that was enveloping us, and to give back to us a bit of smiling sunshine. Immediately upon your arrival you made it your first duty to bring about better relations between Hongkong and Canton; and by your incomparable knowledge of China and the Chinese, your sympathy for them, your sincerity and statesmanship, you succeeded in this object beyond our highest expectations. It is an exaggeration to say that at no time during the last two decades has the relationship between our great neighbour and Hongkong been so close and so amicable as it is to-day. The four years of your administration have been beset with difficulties and anxieties, which must have been as great as any that could have befallen a Colonial Governor in recent years; but, in spite of this, you have been able to complete or initiate many constructive schemes of magnitude and to introduce several important reforms in the constitution of the Colony.

Outstanding Achievements.

There are two of your outstanding achievements which have won the everlasting gratitude of the Chinese. One is that you departed from the time-honoured policy of the Government by appointing to the Executive Council a Chinese. This epoch-making innovation afforded the Chinese community profound satisfaction, in that it gave them a share in the active government of the Colony for the first time in its history. The other tangible proof of your Excellency's goodwill towards us is the appointment of a third Chinese member to the Legislative Council, when you obtained the sanction of the Crown to enlarge the Unofficial representation of two members. You have, Sir, by example and precept, succeeded in strengthening the bond of friendship that binds together all sections of the community. You have, indeed, been the greatest friend that the Chinese have had among a long line of Governors, who have all been our real friends. Just as we hail with joy your arrival, we now sorrow for your departure.

In congratulating your Excellency upon your promotion, and bidding farewell to you and Lady Clementi, for whom we entertain

feelings of the highest respect, we wish you both happiness and success (Applause).

H.E.'S FAREWELL ADDRESS.

Four Years Steady Development
in Public Work.

His Excellency said:—Honourable Members of the Legislative Council: It is with a heavy heart that I rise to address you for the last time in this Chamber, which I have known for thirty years, which contains for me so many memories, and in which so much of the history of Hongkong has been made. I have served this Council as its Clerk, as acting Colonial Secretary and as Governor. Many of my dearest friends have been associated with me in the work of this Council. The Senior Unofficial Member, Sir Henry Pollock, I have known as long as I have known Hongkong. The Second Chinese Member, Dr. Kotewall, was my right-hand man years ago when we both served in the Colonial Secretary's Office. Among the official members the Attorney General, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Inspector General of Police are brother cadets, who have been friends of mine since my first arrival in Hongkong, and whose friendship I hope to retain all my life, wherever I may be. Three others, the Colonial Secretary, the Director of Public Works and the Harbour Master, I first knew and learned to value when we served together in Ceylon, and all four of us were transferred from Ceylon to Hongkong at about the same time. Indeed there is no one in this Council with whom I am not on terms of personal friendship, and from whom I have not frequently received helpful advice and the kindest consideration. It is painful to break all these ties of affection and to say goodbye. Half my life, and that the better half, I leave behind me in Hongkong.

Council Changes.

But, gentlemen, I do not wish to dwell unduly on personal matters in the last words I say to this Council. I will rather speak of the public work which we have done together and of what the future may hold for Hongkong. At the outset, I would remind you that the constitution of this honourable Council and of the Executive Council also has been altered and, as we all believe, improved during my term of governorship. A Chinese member has for the first time in the Colony's history been given a seat in the Executive Council. This innovation has proved to be a great success. The position has been worthily filled by Sir Shou-son Chow and experience has shown how valuable, and indeed I would say how indispensable, to the Executive Council is the advice given in person by a Chinese member. The Legislative Council also has been strengthened by the addition of a third Chinese member, by the representation in it of the interests of Kowloon, and of the large Portuguese community here resident, and by the inclusion of two more official members, the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and the Harbour Master, both of whom control public departments which are vital to the welfare of the Colony. We have, moreover, adopted quite recently with complete unanimity new Standing Rules and Orders which should facilitate the transaction of legislative business in this Colony.

Wholehearted Collaboration.

And may I here pause to congratulate honourable members on the businesslike brevity with which our proceedings are conducted? There is not in this Chamber any "playing to the gallery", any exuberance of verbosity, any attempt to make mere debating points or to heckle the Government. Obstructive tactics are never used. All members are alike animated by the desire to do the best they can for the Colony. Accordingly, there is wholehearted collaboration between official and unofficial members in preparing legislative and financial measures for submission to the Council. Difficulties and debatable points are threshed out in the freedom and privacy of informal discussion, whether in the Executive Council or by means of specially appointed committees, prior to the introduction of bills, regulations or money votes for the formal approval of the legislature. So there is seldom any need for long debates in this Chamber and divisions are very rarely called for. In this respect the Hongkong Legislative Council need not fear comparison with any other legislative body in the British Empire; and I gladly acknowledge the great debt, which as Governor I owe to the unofficial members, for facilitating and expediting the work of the administration. Especially do I wish to thank those members of the Legislative Council who are also members of the Executive Council: for it is in the Executive Council that most of the preparatory work for this Chamber is done. The Executive Council meets every week and, while meetings of the Legislative Council are usually brief, meetings of the Executive Council are often very long. We have been through troubled days together and, if it be true that

"there's a good time a-coming", it certainly is "a good time a-coming". We have seldom had before us a choice between right and wrong, safety and danger. We have mostly been confronted by nothing but a choice of dangers. In such circumstances our discussions in Executive Council were frequently long and anxious. I have made deep drafts on your time and your patience; and I am most grateful for your unflinching support and co-operation.

A Word of Advice.

While speaking of the Colony's constitution, I venture to give a word of parting advice. Experience in other parts of the British Empire, and especially in Hongkong, and in China, convinces me that democracy as understood in the United Kingdom is not a suitable or a safe form of government for peoples in the Far East at the present stage of their political, social and economic development, and I am firmly of opinion that universal manhood and womanhood suffrage, general elections, by-elections, party politics, the wiles of the demagogue and the arts of the hustler could do nothing but harm in Hongkong. I am satisfied that Crown Colony Government will in future, as in the past, be best suited to the needs of this outpost of the British Empire. But in saying this I do not mean to imply that the inhabitants of Hongkong, and particularly the Chinese here resident, should not as the Colony grows more populous and more prosperous be admitted to an increasing share in the deliberations and decisions of the Hongkong Government. I have during my term as Governor endeavoured to pave the way for such development by presiding in person over quarterly meetings of the District Watch Committee, which is the body politic in this Colony most representative of Chinese interests; by presiding at least once a year over meetings of the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital and of the Po Leung Kuei; by attending and addressing annual meetings of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce; and by setting up standing committees such as the Harbour Board and the Labour Advisory Board, with the object of obtaining full information as to public opinion before deciding upon governmental action.

Public Health Reorganization.

I hoped, had I remained here, to address myself to another important branch of this subject, namely the reorganization of the public health administration of the Colony. In our new Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Dr. Wellington, we have just the man who by professional knowledge and by experience in the Far East is best qualified to advise us in this matter; and, where he gives a lead, I think that the residents of the Colony of all races may safely follow. We need, and we must have, a sanitary organization co-extensive with the Colony and its New Territories, and reform in this respect is long overdue. I do not pretend to prophesy what form it will take; but there is one form which in my opinion it certainly ought not to take and that is the establishment of a municipality. This Colony is so small and so compact that it is in effect a large township, and the Government of Hongkong is, and must always be, mainly concerned with municipal affairs. I regard myself as being in effect Mayor of Hongkong; and were I and the principal officers of this Government to divest ourselves of our municipal duties, there would be little left for us to do. The creation of municipalities would duplicate the administrative machinery of the Colony to an intolerable extent. It would be excessively uneconomical and it would be open to all the political objections which would beset democratic institutions, if introduced into Hongkong. I sincerely hope that nothing of the kind will be attempted.

Steady Development.

No spectacular public works have been constructed here during the past four years, but there has been steady development both on the island and on the mainland. On the island the most notable achievement is the completion of the 'Praya' East Reclamation scheme; while in Kowloon the construction of what will be a model city of vast dimensions upon an exceeding well-devised town-planning scheme progresses year by year, as hill after hill is cut down and used to level up insanitary depressions and to fill up the foreshore, thus extending the deep sea frontage for ocean-going steamers. A notable innovation has been the construction of a spacious aerodrome near Kowloon City, from which the Royal Air Force already operates, and where we hope to see this year the inception both of commercial aviation and of a flying club. Hongkong will thus take its rightful place among the air ports of the world. On the subject of water-works I recently addressed this Council at length. Therefore I will only say now what progress is being made to see that rapid progress is being made with the harbour pipe-line, with the new Aberdeen reservoir, and with the Kowloon

bye-wash reservoir. I feel that a determined effort has begun to solve in a permanent and satisfactory manner the water-problem which has been a source of constant anxiety to this Colony since first I knew it.

Financial Situation.

Our financial situation is, I am happy to say, very satisfactory. The revenue and expenditure of the Colony and the state of its reserve fund from the year 1923 to date can conveniently be tabulated as follows:

Year	Revenue	Expenditure	Balance
1923	24,785,762.68	21,571,903.72	3,213,858.96
1924	24,209,699.72	20,226,224.44	3,983,475.28
1925	21,244,808.04	21,250,977.94	15,070.10
1926	21,131,281.04	23,224,718.04	2,093,437.00
1927	21,864,185.72	20,845,064.00	1,019,121.72
1928	24,008,898.68	21,226,249.24	2,782,649.44
1929	22,218,760.00	21,729,445.00	4,891,315.00
1930			9,577,038.00

These figures reflect faithfully the period of storm and strain through which Hongkong has passed owing to anti-British manifestations, such as the strike and boycott of 1925, to incessant civil war in China, and to repeated disturbances in the Liang Kung provinces. They show how the Colony's revenue fell; how its expenditure was curtailed; how valuable the reserve fund was to us in our time of need and how heavily we drew upon it; how in 1928, when friendly relations between Hongkong and Canton were re-established, our revenue at once revived, how our expenditure was then increased to match, and how our reserve fund was again built up. We began this year with a reserve fund close upon 9½ million dollars of which eight millions were liquid, and I think that I may fairly claim to have left my successor a heritage better than that which I myself took over.

Friendship With Neighbours.

In conclusion I wish to touch briefly upon foreign affairs, for Hongkong is far from being self-contained or self-supporting and can only prosper if on terms of real friendship with her neighbours. The relations between this Colony and the Portuguese authorities at Macao are most cordial. Visits have been frequently exchanged between the Governor of Macao and myself. We are very good friends and our personal friendship is only a symbol of the spirit of goodwill and co-operation which happily exists between two Colonies, established at the mouth of the West River in close contiguity to each other and faced with similar problems. Three Governors General of the Philippine Islands—General Leonard Wood, Mr. Stimson and Mr. Davis—have been welcomed on their way through Hongkong during my term of governorship; and I was fortunate enough to be able myself last autumn to visit the Philippine Islands, where I was shown the greatest kindness and hospitality. I hope that every year will see the bonds of trade and friendship between Hongkong and Manila drawn closer and I feel that in Baguio, only 48 hours distant from us, we have a health resort, which is easily accessible, where Hongkong residents are made very much at home, and which should be of increasing value to us as years go by. With French Indo-China also we are on very cordial terms. My predecessor, Sir Edward Stubbs, and General Luard, lately in command of His Majesty's forces in Hongkong, both visited that fine country during their term of office. I too had visited it twice in bygone years and I had hoped to do so as Governor, but various causes have prevented me from carrying out my intention. I trust before long to hear that aerial communications have been established from this Colony via Kuangchowwan with Hanoi and Saigon. But, of course, our most important neighbours on the western sea board of the Pacific are Japan and China.

Japan and China.

As regards Japan, not only have we a large and valued Japanese element in the population of this Colony, but we received the year before last a very welcome visit from the Japanese first battle fleet and we have also entertained on their way through Hongkong many eminent Japanese statesmen, among them Mr. Matsudaira, now Ambassador at the Court of St. James, and Viscount Saito, the Governor General of Korea. I was fortunately able to visit Japan and Korea in 1927 and was very courteously received both by Baron Tanaka, then premier and foreign minister, at Tokyo, and by Viscount Saito at Chosen. In Hongkong the British Empire approaches nearest to Japan, and nowhere are relations between us and the Japanese more cordial than in this Colony.

Only in the case of China have there been strained relations between this Colony and any foreign country. When I assumed the government of Hongkong in 1925 an anti-British boycott had been declared at Canton and an effort was being made by a bolshevized Chinese administration to reduce Hongkong to the condition of "a desert island." This foolish agitation, which was even more disastrous to Canton than it was to Hongkong, had been begun by

Soviet intrigue; and, when communism was swept out of Kuangtung, the traditional amity between Canton and Hongkong was rapidly restored in March, 1928, under the wise guidance of Marshal Li Chai-sun. He and I exchanged visits and I am happy to say that the cordial relations then established have continued ever since, in spite of the recrudescence of civil war in China. The visit to Hongkong this day of General Ch'ian Ming-shu, Chairman of the Kuangtung Provincial Council, accompanied by the Mayor of Canton and many of the principal officials of the Province, is a further token of the friendship between China and Great Britain. I am deeply sensible of the honour done me by General Ch'ian in paying me this visit of farewell, and I rejoice that one of his objects in coming here to-day is to launch a steamer built in this Colony by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for the China trade.

Close Co-operation.

It is essential for the prosperity both of Canton and of Hongkong that our friendship should grow stronger from year to year, that there should be close co-operation between this Colony and the authorities of the Liang Kuang provinces, and that no sinister outside influence should be allowed to mar the goodwill and mutual confidence which we place in each other. I hope and pray that the conditions under which His Majesty's Government has resumed diplomatic intercourse with Russia may insure that bolshevik propaganda will never again be allowed to disturb the friendship between Canton and this Colony; and I am certain that, if this friendship remains undisturbed, the future of Hongkong, which is so intimately bound up with that of Kuangtung, will be happy, peaceful and prosperous, that the collaboration of the British and Chinese races, which has already produced such wonderful results in Hongkong and elsewhere in the Far East, will bring even greater blessings to the world hereafter, and that in the history of the Chinese renaissance Hongkong will play a role of the highest importance and of the utmost beneficence. Confucius said:—"If you wish to establish yourself, seek also to establish others;" and the people of this Colony must never forget that the best means of establishing the security and prosperity of Hongkong is to give all possible help in establishing the reign of law and order and righteousness among our friends and neighbours in China. (Applause).

LOCAL RADIO.

STUDIO CONCERT FOR
TO-NIGHT.

A studio concert by local artists will be the feature of to-night's Hongkong broadcast programme, those contributing being Mr. R. Baldwin, Mrs. M. Portallion, Mr. J. Grenham, M. Bonenfant, and Miss McGill. The full programme is:—
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"More than you know."
Helen Morgan, Comedienne with Orchestra.
"Blue Danube—Waltz."
"Wedding Dance—Waltz."
International Concert Orchestra.
"Dreams of Schubert—Medley Waltz."
Hungarian Rhapsody Orchestra.
"Eddie Cantor's Tips on the Stock Market."
"My Wife is on a Diet."
Eddie Cantor.
"Waldteufel Memories" (Arr. Finck).
De Groot and His Orchestra.
"Raymond—Overture" (Thomas).
Victor Symphony Orchestra.
4.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
7.00-9.00 p.m. Recorded Music and Experimental Relay Transmission.
9.00 p.m. Studio concert.

Programme.

1. Pianoforte Solo, Finlandia (Sibelius), Mr. R. Baldwin.
2. Song, Calm as the Night, Mrs. M. Portallion.
3. Humorous Song, Selected, Mr. J. Grenham.
4. Violin Solo, Claire de Lune from Opera Comique "Werther" (Massenet), M. Bonenfant.
5. Vocal Duet, Shepherdess and Beau Brocade (M. Phillips), Miss McGill and Mr. R. Baldwin.
6. Ballad, Caller Herrin, Miss McGill.

Interval.

7. Song, Mifanwy (Forster), Mrs. M. Portallion.
8. Violin Solo, Selected, M. Bonenfant.
9. Humorous Song, Selected, Mr. J. Grenham.
10. Vocal Duet, Twilight (Spahr), Miss McGill and Mr. R. Baldwin.
11. Pianoforte Solo, Two Waltzes from three foxtrots (Coleridge Taylor), Mr. R. Baldwin.
12. Ballad, Woes Me for Prince Charlie, Miss McGill.

Accompanists:—Madame Bonenfant, Mrs. Griggs, and Mr. R. Baldwin.

Commentary on Boxing.

A running commentary on the various contests will be broadcast from

WATER SUPPLY.

A FURTHER DECREASE IN
HONGKONG.

The total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 20th January, amounted to 1,188.37 million gallons showing a decrease of 47.13 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 37 million gallons.
The week's consumption amounted to 47.50 million gallons.

Kowloon Supply.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 20th January, amounted to 438.87 million gallons, showing a decrease of 11.64 million gallons during the past week.
The week's consumption amounted to 25.47 million gallons, not including 1.78 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok.
The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 15.61 million gallons.

PRESENT DAY JAPAN.

ANNUAL ENGLISH SUPPLEMENT
OF TOKYO "ASAHI"

Present-Day Japan, the annual English supplement of the *Osaka* and *Tokyo Asahi*, which first saw light in 1925, is gradually gaining an important position among publications treating of things Japanese as one of the most valuable guides to foreign students of the Japanese Empire.
Present-Day Japan for 1929 bears the subtitle, "Overseas Trade Number". This title is due to the fact that in the economic section of the supplement considerable space is devoted this year to present conditions in the overseas trade of Japan. This work is a very useful source of information on details of the conditions of Japan's overseas trade. Mr. K. Hongo is the local staff correspondent.

The Boxing Tournament at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night by a ZBW announcer. This will be something of a new departure in the local broadcasting service, although it will be remembered that the Armistice Day observances at the Cenotaph were described by radio. On Saturday night the announcer will make a preliminary call to listeners at 9.10 p.m. and will then continue to give a running commentary on the various contests.

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SERVANT'S HONESTY.

MRS. A. H. BASTO'S COOK SENT TO PRISON.

A plea on behalf of a former cook was made by Mrs. A. H. Basto, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when the defendant was charged on four counts of larceny of letters and alternatively of receiving letters knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The defendant denied all charges. It was intimated that Mr. J. M. Remedios had been instructed but had withdrawn from the case at the last minute. Mrs. Basto volunteered to engage a solicitor for the defendant but the latter desired the case to be heard then instead of being remanded.

Detective Sergeant Poyntz, who appeared for the prosecution, intimated that the defendant was arrested in Austin Road under suspicious circumstances with the letters in his possession, two being concealed in his girdle. He stated that a friend had given him the letters but after having been given every facility, he was unable to locate his friend.

In evidence, a Chinese detective stated that he saw the defendant in Austin Road looking at a piece of paper which he quickly put into his pocket when he saw witness. The defendant was searched and two letters, together with blank letter paper and blank envelopes, were found in his pocket. A further search revealed two other letters concealed in his girdle.

Enquiries were made and it was found that the letters belonged to the complainants. Evidence of ownership of the letters was given by the complainants, all of whom stated that the defendant had no authority to be in possession of their letters. In one case the complainant mentioned that he has no letter box at the foot of his stairs and if the letter had been stolen it must have been taken from the Post Office.

The defendant, in his defence, said that the letters had been given to him by a friend to look after while the friend went to Hongkong.

In registering a conviction on the alternative charge his Worship pointed out that the letters were not much to carry and the friend could easily have put them in his own pocket.

Detective Sergeant Poyntz pointed out that one of the complainants had been victimised in a similar manner before when a letter containing \$100 had been opened and the money extracted. His Worship's attention was also drawn to the fact that the defendant had blank letter paper and envelopes in his possession.

A Dishonest Kink.

Mrs. Basto intimated to his Worship that the defendant had been in her employ for the past five years and was a faithful and most honest servant. She could not imagine him doing such a thing. The only thing she could think of was that he was shielding some one else.

His Worship remarked that it seemed very mysterious.

The Police produced a previous conviction against the defendant, who was fined \$25 in 1927 for unlawful possession.

His Worship remarked that he had evidently done the same sort of thing before.

The defendant admitted the previous conviction and intimated that he was fined for possession of wine, which he said, had been given to him by the same friend who had given him the letters.

In reply to his Worship, Mrs. Basto said that she was home at the time but she believed that the gentleman in whose employ the defendant was then, had paid his bail and fine.

His Worship said that in spite of being faithful and honest to his employers he evidently had a dishonest kink in his nature. If it was the same friend in 1927 it was extraordinary that he did not give up a friend of that kind. He would, however, take into consideration what Mrs. Basto had stated on his behalf but he had to say that that was discounted when it was found that he had a previous conviction.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

THIEF'S BIG COUP.

GETS AWAY WITH HAUL OF NEARLY \$1,500.

A haul amounting to \$1,418.50, including some bank notes, these being two notes worth \$500 each, three notes for \$50 each and one \$100 note, was made by a thief who succeeded in entering No. 18, Bridge Street, by prying open the door of the kitchen.

The money belonged to a midwife, who has made a report to the police.

When investigations were made at the house, a felt hat was found which is believed to have been left by the robber.

LADY LAMPSON.

PASSES AWAY IN THE FRENCH HOSPITAL.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death, which took place at the French Hospital late yesterday afternoon, of Lady Lampson, the wife of Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China.

On Wednesday the patient showed signs of improvement, but unfortunately it was not maintained. Despite the best medical care and attention her ladyship gradually became worse and yesterday morning her condition was stated to be extremely serious. She gradually sank and passed away late yesterday afternoon, shortly after her husband who had rushed down in a destroyer from Shanghai, had arrived.

Sir Miles Lampson was in Shanghai when he was informed of the critical nature of his wife's illness, and he immediately sailed on Tuesday evening on H.M.S. Serapis for Hongkong. Wireless messages were sent him on the voyage down informing him of his wife's condition, and the destroyer was rushed at full speed and arrived in harbour at 2.15 yesterday afternoon. Sir Miles left immediately for the Hospital and reached there just before his wife passed away.

The late Lady Lampson, who is the youngest daughter of Dame Jessie Phipps, well known in connection with the L.C.C. and a pioneer woman municipal worker, was married to Sir Miles Lampson in 1912. A cheerful companion and helpmate she accompanied her husband wherever he went, with the exception of the period when he was Acting British High Commissioner in Siberia. She was greatly interested in the Scout movement, to which she gave great support. Most of her time abroad has been spent in Peking, where she has a very large number of friends who will learn with the greatest regret of her passing.

Sir Miles Lampson and his son, who is now in the Colony, and the two daughters in Peking, have the deepest sympathy of the Colony in the great loss they have been called upon to bear.

It is understood the funeral will take place at Happy Valley to-day. We are officially informed that it is to be an entirely private affair.

Sir Miles Lampson's son, Master Graham Lampson, who was accompanied by his mother to Hongkong, is now in the Peak Hospital, where he is remaining under observation.

LORD ESHER.

Death of Governor of Windsor Castle.

London, Jan. 23.

The death is reported of Lord Esher, the Governor of Windsor Castle.—*Reuter.*

[Reginald Ballo Brett, 2nd Viscount Esher, politician and author, was born in London in June, 1852, and educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. Much of his long and active life was devoted to matters connected with the Court and to questions of military organisation. He began his political career in 1878 by becoming private secretary to the Marquis of Hartington shortly before that statesman was made War Minister in Gladstone's Cabinet and in 1880 he was elected to the House of Commons, holding the secretaryship until 1885, when a Conservative Government came into office. From 1895 to 1902 he was Secretary to the Office of Works and during that period succeeded to the peerage and was appointed Lieut. Governor of Windsor.]

At the close of the South African war in 1902 he was one of the commissioners who held an inquiry into the conduct of the operations and when in 1904 the War Office Reconstitution Committee was set up he was made its chairman, so that it is usually known as the Esher Committee. Next year he was appointed a permanent member of the Committee of Imperial Defence. He took an active interest in the conversion of the old Volunteers into the Territorials under the act of 1907, and shortly afterwards became chairman, and later president of the Territorial Force Association of the County of London. In Jan. 1928, he was made Governor of Windsor Castle.

By King Edward's wish he edited the "Correspondence of Queen Victoria" published in 1907, and in 1912 he wrote "The Girlhood of Queen Victoria." His other books include "Footprints of Statesmen," "The Yoke of Empire," "Today and Tomorrow," "Influence of King Edward," "After the War" and "The Tragedy of Lord Kitchener." He was a Commander of the Legion of Honour, a member of the Spanish Order of Merit and a governor of the Imperial College of Science. He was also hon. colonel of the 3rd Royal Fusiliers.]

GIRLS' COLLEGE.

YEUNG CHUNG PUPILS CONGRATULATED.

The Ko Shing Theatre was filled yesterday afternoon when the graduation exercises of the Middle and Higher Schools of the Young Chung Girls' College were held. Lady Clementi distributing the certificates and prizes won by pupils during the past year.

The Young Chung College was opened in Hongkong about six years ago by Miss Cheung Yuk-mui, the present headmistress, and other Chinese ladies. It has now grown into a very big school with an average daily attendance of over 600. This state of affairs is greatly due to the untiring work of Miss Cheung and her staff of teachers who are to be congratulated on their achievement in such a short period.

During the year, 11 girls satisfactorily completed the Middle School in Chinese, these being Misses Ng Yen-lun, Leung Yiu-lum, Lum Fung-hing, Chu King-shiu, Li Wan-chau, Chang Shun-shiu, Tsang Shan-chu, Chang San-yu, Au Chuk-sau, Yim Pui-fong and Leung Ho-yea. Over 30 have completed the Higher Primary Course.

Lady Clementi was accompanied by Mrs. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. J. Barrow (Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor).

After distributing the certificates and prizes, Lady Clementi said it gave her great pleasure to attend the function and she was very glad to see the assembly of "blue-robed maids." She had three daughters of her own, she said, and naturally took a great interest in all girls' schools. She would be very glad to tell her daughters of the Young Chung Girls' College. She recalled that some time ago Miss Cheung took a party of girls up to Government House and they then danced very well.

Lady Clementi congratulated the prize-winners and wished the teachers and the pupils a very happy holiday.

Headmistress' Speech.

Miss Cheung Yuk-mui, the headmistress, said:

Lady Clementi, ladies, gentlemen, scholars.—We are indeed grateful to Lady Clementi for coming here to-day in order to distribute the certificates and prizes to our successful students. No doubt this is the last time Lady Clementi will be able to attend our annual function, so I take this opportunity of wishing His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi good health and success when they leave us to go to Singapore.

I wish to thank the proprietors of the Ko Shing Theatre for lending us their building to-day, and also I should like to express our gratitude to Mr. Yu, Inspector of English Schools, for his help and guidance during the year.

At present our institution has 612 students, accommodated in 19 class rooms. At the beginning of last term Messrs. Law and Yu, of the Education Department visited the school and carried out an examination to standardise the students of the middle school, and last December, Mr. Yu held the annual examination of Class 3. Eleven candidates were successful. In the Higher Primary School 34 pupils passed. For these very satisfactory results I have to thank the staff for their loyalty and hard work, and also all parents for their co-operation.

Owing to another engagement, Lady Clementi had to leave after distributing the prizes and certificates, but after she had gone, the pupils, assisted by others, gave a programme of Chinese and English music, which showed much talent.

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The cargo gear is, as usual, first-class throughout, there being 28 derricks, with ranges of lifts from 2 tons to 50 tons. Power to these derricks is supplied by 24 electrically driven winches of the owners' special design. The steering gear is of the "Hole-Shaw" type, and was supplied by Messrs. Haxby & Co. of Greenock. A special auxiliary emergency gear engine has been fitted to the steering gear, and is of an entirely new arrangement. The control of the steering gear is maintained by tele-motor.

The refrigerating machinery, which is electrically driven, was supplied by Messrs. Henry Wilson & Co., of

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Hongkong, Jan. 23.
No. 4/80. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders, by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E. Commandant.

Correct Numbering of Corps Orders. Orders published on 9th. and 16th. January, 1930 will be numbered 2/80 and 3/80 respectively. Those of to-day's date are numbered 4/30.

Corps Orders.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that orders will be issued on Wednesday 29th. January and not on Thursday 30th. January. Oa. C. units will please send all orders they wish published to Headquarters on the afternoon of Tuesday, 28th. January.

Departure of H.E. the Governor. The Armoured Car Company, both Sections, will act as personal escort on 1st. February; separate instruction will be issued to O. C. Company direct.

Camp Pay List.

Oa. C. units who have not yet returned their Camp Pay Sheets to Headquarters will do so by Monday, 27th. January.

Musketry Table T Parts I and II. The Engineer Coy. and Signals will fire this course at Stonecutters on Sunday, 26th. January. Range Officer Lieut. M. A. Johnson, M. M. Dress. Musketry order, uniform or muffs. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9.00 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Sergeants' Mess.

A Sergeants' Mess meeting will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 6th. February.

Corps Band.

The Band will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th. January in muffs for Band Practice.

The Battery.

Parade at Headquarters for Gun Drill on Friday, January 24th. at 5.30 p.m.

Engineer Company.

Sunday, 26th. January, Musketry, Part I at Stonecutters. Dress, Musketry order, Uniform or muffs. There will be no parade on Thursday January 30th.

Camp, Lyceum. January 10th—12th. The following passed out on examination: Lump.—L/Cpl. Lockhart, Snapper Purvis, Snapper Strange, Snapper Davies. Engine.—Sgt. Carr, L/Cpl. Hooper.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 27th. for signal training. Dress: Muffs. Musketry, Part I, Table T will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 26th. Dress: musketry order, uniform or muffs. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9.00 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Machine Gun Troop.

Thursday, 30th. January, Chinese New Year holiday, no parade.

Armoured Car Company. Car Section and Motor Cycle Section both parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on 24th. January for Machine Gun Instruction.

Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th. January for Machine Gun Training. All those who have not drawn their Camp Pay will do so on this date.

Musketry Table "T." The Company will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, February 2nd, launch leaving Queen's Pier at 9.00 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.20 a.m. Range Officer 2/Lt. D. M. Richards. Dress, muffs or uniform optional with braces and pouches. Rifles may be drawn at Headquarters after parade on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday being Chinese New Year Holidays.

Portuguese Company.

The Company will parade for training under Platoon arrangements on Friday, January 24th. at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

There will be no parade on Friday, January 31st.

Parades. The next Parade will be on Friday, February 7th. at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters under Platoon arrangements.

Rifles. All ranks are reminded that all Rifles and Bayonets not yet returned to Corps Stores should be returned immediately.

Leave. No. 787 Sergt. E. D. Labrousse, Armoured Car Section, returned from leave as from date.

No. 1121 L/Sergt. G. E. L. Johnson, No. 3 Platoon, returned from leave as from date.

No. 882 Pte. H. E. Scriven, Reserve Company, returned from leave as from date.

No. 728 Cpl. A. W. Salter, Engineer Company, returned from leave as from date.

No. 1362 Pte. G. A. V. Hall, No. 2 Platoon, extension of leave from 1.1.30 to 31.3.30.

No. 495 Pte. A. C. I. Bowker, No. 1 Platoon, from 19.1.30 to 19.3.30.

No. 411 C.S.M. R. W. Lee-Jones, Reserve Company, from 21.1.30 to 10.2.30.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, MAJOR, Adjutant, R.K.V.D. Corps.

Liverpool. The galley cooling appliances are of the latest electric type, and were supplied by Messrs. Henry Wilson of Liverpool. The propelling machinery consists of two sets of eight-cylinder four-stroke single acting airless fuel injection Diesel engines, and was constructed by Messrs. Burmeister & Wain, of Copenhagen. The machinery was installed in Dundee by the Caledon Com-



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A CHRISTMAS FIGHT.

MR. H. A. BOTELHO AND MR. MAHER FINED.

The case arising from a scuffle at Wanchai Road on Christmas night, in which Mr. G. H. Blok, Mr. H. A. Botelho, Mr. N. B. Maher and others were concerned concluded before Mr. Grantham, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a decision in favour of Mr. Blok was given.

The Magistrate said that he was left to decide on a summons for assault taken out by Mr. Blok against both Mr. H. A. Botelho and Mr. N. B. Maher; a cross-summons in similar terms by the two last-named; a summons for abusive language by Mr. Blok against Mr. C. A. Botelho, and a cross-summons by the latter against Mr. Blok.

"According to the statement or story of Mr. Blok," his Worship continued, "he was standing at the bottom of the steps, looking upwards towards his house, and Mr. H. A. Botelho came up and hit him, for nothing at all. Mr. Blok said he had no grudge against Mr. Botelho, a passing acquaintance. It has also come out clearly in the evidence that Mr. Botelho was wearing an overcoat, a scarf, and gloves. I find it impossible to believe at all that Mr. H. A. Botelho had a pre-conceived plan of any long duration or had conspired with Mr. Maher to commit the assault on Mr. Blok. I must therefore find that there must be some reason why he came up to Mr. Blok and a fight, started. The word 'loafer' was shouted out. The only one witness who says she heard the word shouted was Miss Botelho. H. A. Botelho says it came from Blok's house, and he saw Blok standing there."

But assuming that Blok did shout out that word "loafer," there is no distinct evidence as to whom it was meant for. It might be meant for anyone. H. A. Botelho was seated in the car. Naturally he could not see very far out. It might have come from someone in the house, and it might have been from Blok. There was some evidence that it was from him. Botelho immediately got out of the car. He went up, according to his own statement, with the idea of getting an apology out of Blok, on, according to the evidence of another witness, giving him a "good licking." What would he do if he did not get the apology?

Botelho Struck First Blow.

It seems to me that if he did not get the apology he would strike Blok, giving him "a good licking," as the sixth witness, Mr. L'mail, said he did say. I find it very difficult, in fact impossible, to believe that Blok, on being accused of saying the word "loafer," thereupon struck Mr. Botelho. However there may be given provocation in words, it is no excuse for hitting a man, especially where the provocation is no greater than calling a man a "loafer." And there is no evidence, if any, as to whether Mr. Blok did or did not say that word. I must find that H. A. Botelho was the first to strike Blok.

As regards Mr. Maher, he, of course, denies that he took part in the fight at all. He said he was held back, because other people thought he was going to fight. Evidently he must be ex-

BYRD'S PREDICAMENT.

MAY BE ICE-BOUND IN THE ANTARCTIC.

New York, Jan. 23. According to the New York Times, Rear Admiral Byrd may be forced to spend another winter in Little America (the new land he recently discovered). Conditions in the Ross Sea are said to be the worst in Antarctic history, and Byrd's flagship City of New York and supply ship Eleanor Bolling may be unable to pass the ice barrier.

Byrd's representative in New York has appealed to the State Department to enlist the aid of the powerful British and Norwegian whalers in the Ross Sea.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. MINISTERS.

PRESIDENT'S NOMINATIONS APPROVED.

Washington, Jan. 22. The Senate has confirmed the President's nomination of Mr. Gilbert Baker Stockton, of Florida, as Minister to Austria; Mr. John Motley Morehead, of New York, as Minister to Sweden; Mr. Ralph M. Booth, of Michigan, as Minister to Denmark; and Mr. Henry Wharton Shoemaker, of Pennsylvania, as Minister to Bulgaria.—Reuter's American Service.

cited. The little girl said that she saw Mr. Maher stooping over Mr. Botelho and strike Mr. Blok, and he fell. She was certain Mr. Maher struck him. The small boy, who was one of her playmates, also said Mr. Maher came up and knocked Blok down. I therefore find that Maher also committed an assault on Blok.

Cross-Summonses Dismissed.

As regards the cross-summonses against Blok. Having found that H. A. Botelho struck the first blow, any blow reasonably struck by Blok in return is a blow in self-defence. The cross-summonses must therefore be dismissed.

As regards the cross-summons for language used by Blok, there would seem to be considerable heated words spoken after the fight, but they were no more than heated words. At any rate, they were not sufficient to justify a conviction against Blok. All the cross-summonses are therefore dismissed.

Dealing with the penalty, his Worship said: As against H. A. Botelho, I think it is due to the heat of the moment. Sometimes we do get excited, and whether he was called a loafer or not, evidently, I can not be quite sure. He thought he had been called a loafer and he thought he would take the law into his own hands, which is wrong. I don't, however, take a serious view of it. Therefore I impose a fine of \$5.

As regards Maher, I must take a more serious view. He was bound over last August. The injuries inflicted on Blok were considerable. On the doctor's advice he went into hospital. He was knocked down while having a fight with another man. Therefore I must fine Maher \$25 and, in addition, he will have to pay \$25 compensation to Mr. Blok.

His Worship informed Mr. Rendall (for the complainant) that he did not propose to forfeit a bond of \$50 held over Mr. Maher since his last appearance.

COUNCIL MEETING.

APPROVAL OF A NEW BY-LAW.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) presided over his last meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council yesterday afternoon prior to his departure to take up the office of Governor of the Straits Settlements. Advantage was taken by the Senior Unofficial member (Hon. Sir Henry Pollock) and the Senior Chinese member (Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow) to express the profound regret of the Official and Unofficial members alike that His Excellency was leaving and of wishing him happiness and success in his new post. His Excellency the Governor replied in a speech (reported elsewhere) in which he reviewed the work done during his term of four years as Governor of the Colony.

There was a full Council present as under: His Excellency the General Officer Commanding The Troops (Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.). The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.).

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Hon. Mr. S. W. Ts'o, C.B.E., LL.D. Mr. N. L. Smith (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

New By-law Approved.

The Colonial Secretary moved "That the By-law made by the Sanitary Board under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on the 28th day of December, 1929, be adopted." He said: A copy of this By-law is in the hands of every member. It reads as follows:—"By-law No. 8 contained in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and published on pages 1569-1572 of volume III of the Ordinance of Hongkong 1844-1929 under the heading 'Cemeteries' is hereby amended by the deletion of the words 'and the written consent of the next of kin of the person buried' at the end thereof." This amendment has been introduced to avoid the difficulties which might arise should the written consent of the next of kin be unable to be obtained.

The Attorney General seconded and the motion was approved.

The Opium Ordinance.

The Opium Ordinance passed all its remaining stages and became law.

Farewell Speeches.

The farewell speeches on the forthcoming departure of His Excellency the Governor are reported fully elsewhere.

The Council adjourned sine die.



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With a large crowd cheering heartily, the 3,300 tons s.s. Tsinan, slipped down her supports into the water at 4.15 p.m. yesterday and was successfully launched.

The Tsinan, which has just been constructed by the Talkoo Dockyard, is the sister ship of the s.s. Taiyuan, and has been built to the order of the China Navigation Company. She was launched yesterday, after Mrs. Chan Ming-shu, the wife of H.E. General Chan Ming-shu, had performed the time-honoured custom of breaking a bottle of champagne.

There was a very large crowd present at the Talkoo Dockyard for the ceremony, including Lady Clement, M.B.E., Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Southorn, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Halifax and the Misses Halifax, Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cressy, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kottewall, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. L. Shenton, Hon. Commander G. F. Hole and Mrs. Hole, Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Wood, Hon. and Mrs. J. P. Braga, M.B.E., Vice-Admiral Sir A. R. and Lady Viscount, Commander Hill and General and Mrs. Chan Ming-shu, who were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Au Young-ki, Mrs. Chun-chun, Mr. and Mrs. Leong, Mr. Mark Yin-chun, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Wong.

Others noticed were Mr. T. H. R. Shaw (China Navigation Company), Mr. C. de Bruyn, Mr. and Mrs. Woo Hay-tong, Captain Duncan, Capt. Arthur, Capt. and Mrs. C. B. Riggs, Mr. H. B. L. Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wilson, Mr. Lo Kai-hong, Captain Ashby, Col. and Mrs. Skinger, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. Li Yau-shun, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bloomfield, Mr. Chau Yue-tung, Mr. Chau Tung-sang, Mr. Chan Puk-chuen, Mr. Kwok Chuen, Mr. "Ying Lok-ting, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Yue Sze-wing, Mr. Choy Chong, Mr. Lo Kai-hung, Mr. Mok Kon-nang and Mr. T. N. Chau.

The Launching Ceremony.

The main party, consisting of Lady Clement, General and Mrs. Chan Ming-shu, Mr. T. H. R. Shaw and members of the Legislative Council and the official party from Canton, assembled on a specially erected and gaily decorated dais at the keel of the boat, and at a given signal, the supports were released, and Mrs. Chan Ming-shu, the wife of the General, who was also bedecked with multi-coloured ribbons, across the boat, and with a roar, accompanied by enthusiastic cheering, the huge boat dipped gracefully into the sea, and out in full sight of the onlookers.

Both Mrs. Chan Ming-shu and Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, the manager of the China Navigation Company, were the recipients of many congratulations on the successful launching.

Subsequently the guests adjourned for tea, where, at the outset, the success of the newly floated Tsinan was toasted in champagne.

Mr. Shaw proposed the toast. He extended grateful thanks to General and Mrs. Chan Ming-shu for their attendance that afternoon. He referred to the fact the Tsinan was the sister ship of the Taiyuan, and went on to pay a tribute to the manner in which the Talkoo Dockyard Company had built the vessel. The China Navigation Company, he said, ordered a ship to be built similar to the Taiyuan, but the Talkoo Dockyard Company had exceeded their expectations and had built a ship with more room, extra tonnage and less coal consumption. He thought the Company should be congratulated on such a record. In addition, they had extra accommodation and storage, but the only thing they had not got, was extra room for pirates. Every precaution had, in fact, been taken to minimise the danger of pirates. He was glad to see that the Canton authorities had recently sent down three naval experts to consider the question of preventing piracy and he was sure they

LATE SERVICE NEWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO CHINA STATION.

Commander Paul F. P. Berryman has been appointed to the cruiser Cornwall on the China station. He was promoted in December, 1924, when serving in the destroyer Vectis, of the Atlantic Fleet. He was the senior officer of the Upper Yangtze shallow draught river gunboat flotilla in the Widgeon from June, 1920, for two years, and since his return has been the executive officer of the reserve fleet flagship Constance at Portsmouth.

Eng.-Com. H. G. Marshall.

Engineer Commander Harry G. Marshall is appointed to the new cruiser completing at the works of Messrs. Palmer and Co., Jarrow-on-Tyne. He joined the flotilla leader Bruce, of the eighth destroyer flotilla in reserve, at Port Edgar in April, 1925, and proceeded in China with that flotilla early in 1927. Since his return, he has been engineer officer of the light cruiser Cleopatra. He relieves Engineer Commander George Cocks, who has been standing by the York for the last two years.

Major R. G. Sturges.

Major Robert G. Sturges, of the R. Marines, has been appointed to the flagship Warspite, of the Mediterranean station as staff officer of intelligence at Malta, relieving Captain Hamilton Simpson. The former was the instructor in small arms at Hongkong, 1924-26, and after a few months at the R.M. Depot, Deal, he became the marine officer of the battleship Resolution in the Mediterranean for a year, being relieved to go through a course at the R.N. Staff College, which course he has just completed.

wished them every success in their efforts in that direction.

Mr. Shaw then handed to Mrs. Chan Ming-shu a little souvenir of the occasion and the success of the Tsinan was drunk with enthusiasm. Mrs. Chan Ming-shu Returns Thanks.

In reply Mrs. Chan Ming-shu said that it gave her great pleasure to be present on an occasion like that. She wished to express her thanks for the very magnificent gift Mr. Shaw had given her and she asked them to join with her in wishing the Company which Mr. Shaw represented, great prosperity in the future.

General Chan Ming-shu also spoke briefly and said what a great pleasure it was to his wife and himself to be there that day. He had great pleasure in not only wishing prosperity and long life to the new boat, but also success and prosperity to the Company, because the prosperity of the Company meant more prosperity and peace in China, which would coincide with the prosperity of the world. He proposed the health of Mr. Shaw and the China Navigation Company.

The Tsinan has been constructed to the order of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., and is 325 feet in length, with a beam of 45 feet and depth moulded to upper deck of 24 feet 9 inches, carrying a deadweight of about 3,300 tons on 18 feet draft. The vessel is built on the deep framed system and has two complete decks and poop bridge and forecastle. The scullings of the vessel have been approved by the British Corporation and generally supervised during construction by the Hongkong Government to obtain their Passenger Certificate.

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STEAMER AGROUND.

MAN HING STRIKES ROCK BELOW SAMSHUI.

On her way down from Wuchow to Hongkong, the Portuguese steamer Man Hing struck a rock at a place called Kuo, some miles below Samshui and is now fast aground. She left Samshui at about 7 p.m. on January 21 and the mishap occurred some hours later.

The vessel began to leak and the Portuguese skipper then fired some rockets to draw the attention of vessels near by. After a while the Man On, a Chinese ship, took off the Man Hing's passengers and cargo and when the Kwong Hung passed her early on Wednesday morning, she was still fast. There being nothing she could do, the Kwong Hung continued on her way down to Hongkong.

The Man Hing is a wooden steamer and has been on the Hongkong-Wuchow run for some time.

It is reported that at the time the mishap occurred, the Man Hing was carrying quite a number of passengers.

staterooms being large and airy, each fitted provided with two side cutlery. The first class saloon and eight single berth cabins have been arranged at forward end of bridge deck while the officers and engineers are berthed at aft end of bridge. Captain's house, chart room and wireless room are on the boat deck. The comprador's staff have been accommodated aft in the poop.

The vessel is provided with steam winches and capstan forward, also a warning capstan aft on poop. Steam steering gear is housed in poop and actuated from the bridge by telemotor gear. Eight steam winches have been provided to work 8 steel derricks, one 15-ton derrick and one 30-ton derrick.

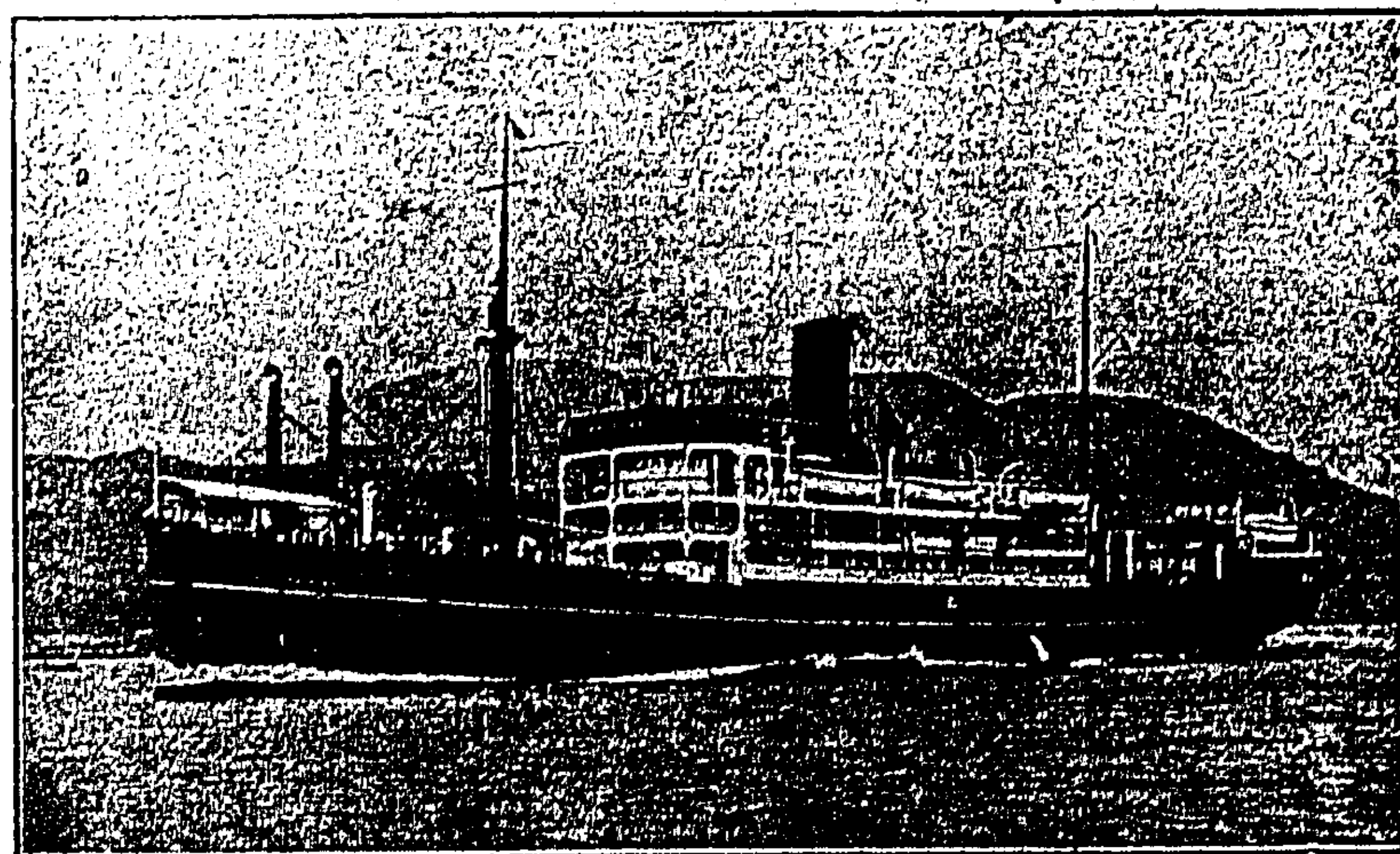
The vessel is rigged as a two-masted schooner and fitted with reciprocating engines driving one shaft and capable of driving the vessel at a speed of over 11 knots loaded. Machinery and boilers have been constructed entirely by the Talkoo Dockyard. The "Tsinan," which is a sister ship of the s.s. "Taiyuan" launched on the 21st September, 1929, is the second ship to be built of the "T" class and will be engaged on the Shanghai-Canton run.

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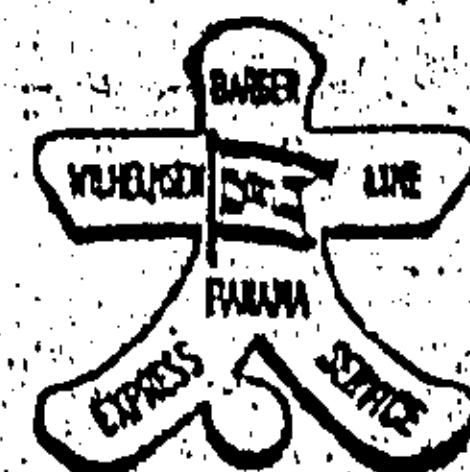


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MACEDONIA	11,120	31st Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
TANDA	6,956	4th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
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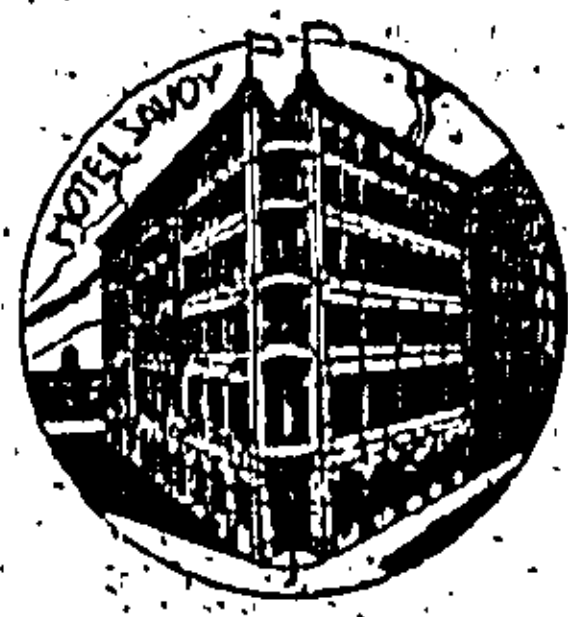
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TROUBLE BREWING IN S. AMERICA.

BOLIVIA PLANNING ATTACK ON PARAGUAY.

APPEAL TO LEAGUE.

Geneva, Jan. 23. War clouds are gathering in Central and South America, though no serious complications have yet arisen and it is probable that the danger may be averted.

Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary-General to the League of Nations, has received from the Paraguayan Charge D'Affaires in Paris, a telegram declaring that in consequence of a recent frontier incident, in which one Bolivian soldier and one Paraguayan soldier were killed, Bolivia is mobilising an army for a campaign against Paraguay.

The telegram alleges that Bolivia is mobilising two divisions at once, and is enrolling reservists and volunteers, with the object of attacking Paraguay.

The Secretary has communicated the purport of the telegram from the Paraguayan Government to all members of the Council of the League and to the Bolivian Government.

Both Bolivia and Paraguay are members of the League of Nations. Only yesterday, it was reported, Guatemalan troops had occupied Honduran territory, and that the Government of Honduras was mobilising troops to dislodge them.—*Reuter*.

THE FANLING HUNT.

ENTRIES FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING.

The following are the entries for the Chinese New Year meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on February 2.

Fat Choy Stakes. One round. Winner \$100; 2nd \$35. For China ponies. Winners at Kwanti this season barred. Catchweights at 108 lb.—Bingo, Caveman, Duke of Neiblung, Fanling Stag, Grey Lyes, November, Samaritan, Social Mark, Sucre, Sunloch.

Fox Hunters' Cup. Heavyweights—Over about 2 miles of country finishing on the Steeplechase Course. For a Cup, to remain the property of the Winner for a year, with a replica presented; 2nd \$50. For China ponies. Winners at Kwanti this season prior to January 15th in a Point-to-Point, a Paperhunt, or with the Somerset Drag. Catchweights at 108 lbs. Standing Weight.—Blotting Paper, Caveman, Graigavod, Eclipse Eve, Fire Call, James Pig, Stang River, Strathmore, Why Not.

Chinese New Year Cup. 1 1/2 Miles. For a Cup; 2nd \$50; 3rd \$25. For China ponies. Winners at Kwanti this season of two or more races 5 lbs. penalty. Non-winners this season allowed 5 lbs.—As You Like It (153 lbs.), Bingo (150), Christmas Frolic (158), Fernleaf (153), Montana (160), Sheila (150), Sucre (153), Target (109).

Midwinter Handicap. 1 1/4 Miles. Winner \$100; 2nd \$35; 3rd \$20. For China ponies.—Target (174 lbs.), Christmas Frolic (158), Samaritan (158), Sheila (157), Fire Call (150), Social Mark (150), As You Like It (145), Fernleaf (145), King's Parade (140), May (140), Six Hundred (140).

Fox Hunters' Cup. Lightweights—Over about 2 miles of country finishing on the Steeplechase Course. For a Cup, to remain the property of the Winner for a year, with a replica presented; 2nd \$50. For China ponies that have been twice in the country this season prior to January 15th in a Point-to-Point, a Paperhunt, or with the Somerset Drag. Catchweights at 150 lbs.—Brown Eve, Buster, Cavieze, Fanling Stag, Honey-moon, Huntington, King's Parade, Lightning, Marco Polo, Movamagher, Mowgli, Sheila, Social Mark, Target.

February Maidens. 1 Mile. Winner \$100; 2nd \$35. For China ponies that have never won a Steeplechase. Ponies that have started at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs.—Bingo (150 lbs.), Buster (158), Eclipse Eve (158), Huntington (150), November (158), Samaritan (158), Sheila (150), Stang River (150), Social Mark (150), Sucre (153), Sunloch (150), The Ptarmigan (158).

DOMINIONS OFFICE CHANGE.

SIR EDWARD HARDING'S APPOINTMENT.

London, Jan. 23. It is officially announced that Sir Edward Harding will succeed Sir Charles Davis as Permanent Under-Secretary at the Dominions Office. Sir Charles Davis is retiring owing to ill-health.—*Reuter*.

Sir Charles Davis has spent his whole career in the Dominions Office, entering as Second Class Clerk in 1887 and rising steadily to the highest possible rank. He was created C.M.G. in 1915; K.C.M.G. in 1923, and G.C.M.G. in 1928.

Sir Edward Harding, his successor, has been his second in command since 1925. He was Secretary of the Dominions Royal Commission from 1912 to 1917, and Deputy Secretary of the Imperial Conferences in 1923 and 1926.

PLIGHT OF BYRD'S EXPEDITION.

AID OF BRITAIN AND NORWAY SOUGHT.

FOOD SUPPLIES LOW.

Washington, Jan. 23.

Acting upon the urgent request of Rear-Admiral Byrd's representative in New York, the State Department has telegraphed to the British and Norwegian Governments asking them to use their good offices so that ships in the Antarctic may go to the relief of the Byrd Expedition.

If the party is not brought out in time, it is believed that a serious situation may arise, as the food supplies of the Expedition are very limited.

The conditions in the Ross Sea are said to be the worst in Antarctic history, and it is practically impossible for the City of New York, Byrd's flagship, or the supply ship, Eleanor Bolling, to pass the ice-barrier. The only ships believed to be capable of penetrating the terrific ice-pack are four Norwegian vessels and one British, all reported to be in the neighbourhood of the Byrd Expedition.

It has been reported that Admiral Byrd may be forced to spend another winter in the Antarctic, but it would seem that his supplies are not sufficient to permit this.

Admiral Byrd has practically completed the purpose of his Expedition. He recently flew over the South Pole, and had collected invaluable data.—*Reuter's American Service*.

LAST EVENING'S CONCERT.

MUCH-ENJOYED PROGRAMME AT HELENA MAY INST.

Last night's concert at the Helena May Institute, which lasted just over 60 minutes, was all too short for the audience who were as enthusiastic as usual, though the hall was not so full as at previous performances.

It was the occasion of the farewell appearance of three of the artists, Mme. Bonenfant, Mrs. Bowes-Smith and Major MacNair, though only the latter is leaving us definitely for good; and one wished that there had been a public vote of thanks to the violinist for the splendid way in which he has assisted at these concerts.

Mme. Bonenfant confined her solos to Debussy, a composer she thoroughly understands and interprets beautifully. She has a wonderful command over gradations of tone which is an accomplishment very difficult for pianists to acquire. This was specially marked in *La Cathedrale Engloutie*, the success of which depends on light and shade and pedal effects. The latter can only be obtained by a true Debussy student. The constant changes of pedal so essential in playing older composers would ruin a work of Debussy; and the art lies in obtaining the effect intended by Debussy without holding the pedal half a second too long. That is the secret Mme. Bonenfant has acquired, and it enabled her to give authentic interpretations of all four pieces. *Jardins sous la pluie* was printed "Jardins sous la pluie" in the press, most people understood that the piece symbolised "Gardens in the Rain" and one member of the audience who accompanied it with a hacking cough no doubt thought she had got her feet wet!

At the request of Mrs. Wyatt, who organised the concert, Mrs. Bowes-Smith repeated two of the operatic arias in English given by her a year ago. Both *Mimi's Aria* from *La Boheme* and "One fine day" from *Madam Butterfly* are favourites and these were enthusiastically applauded. This artist was unable to give an encore owing to a cold, but in spite of it she seemed in excellent voice.

The other vocalist was Mr. R. A. Green whose bass voice it is always a pleasure to hear. He gave a curious and attractive song by del Riego and an ancient but enjoyable ballad of German's, *Four Jolly Sailors*. An encore was demanded but was not forthcoming.

Major P. J. Macnair made his appearance in *Three Phantoms*—stuck for Piano and Violin by Schumann, in which the piano was so important that he was fortunate in having Mme. Bonenfant to support him. The piece was typically Schumannesque. There were no gymnastic displays for his instrument, its role being almost entirely melodic and the player gave a musically interpretation of the work. It was originally written for Clarinet and Piano and is one of the most important of Schumann's compositions for the piano and one of our instruments. It is difficult to find really good amateur violinists, and the Helena May Musicals will suffer by the departure of such an advanced and really able amateur as Major MacNair.—*V. G.*

DANISH ROYALTY COMING.

CROWN PRINCE & BROTHER VISITING COLONY.

SEVERAL DAYS STAY.

Hongkong residents will be interested to learn that in the near future the Colony will be visited by Royalty, the party including the Crown Prince of Denmark.

The Royal visitors are coming East on board the motor ship Flonia, of the Swedish East Asiatic Company, and are due here on March 2nd.

Included in the party are Prince Frederick, the Crown Prince of Denmark (who is the eldest son of King Christian and Queen Alexandra) and his brother, Prince Knud, as well as Prince Axel and Princess Axel.

The Crown Prince, who is Heir Apparent to the Danish Throne, is 29 years of age, whilst Prince Knud is the only other child of the King and Queen.

The call at Hongkong is being made on route to Japan, where the Royal visitors hope to spend some considerable time. They are expected to remain in the Colony for at least four or five days.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.24 a.m.—G. B. S. Thomson and T. S. Whyte Smith.
9.28 a.m.—E. Lewis and S. S. Petry.
9.32 a.m.—W. S. Hillier and D. M. Goodall.
9.36 a.m.—B. Petheram and H. Hampton.
9.40 a.m.—H. A. Lammert and H. C. Shrubsole.
9.44 a.m.—H. H. Lennox and H. U. Ireland.
9.48 a.m.—R. E. Coxon and J. W. Robertson.
9.52 a.m.—P. Morrison and C. C. Roberts.
9.56 a.m.—P. Todd and J. R. Hinton.
10.00 a.m.—J. W. Alabaster and A. H. Penn.
10.04 a.m.—A. Leach and F. H. Crapnell.
10.08 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries and W. N. Fleming.
10.12 a.m.—O. Eager and J. H. Little.
10.16 a.m.—A. Piercy and H. Spicer.
10.20 a.m.—M. G. Mills and F. Syme Thomson.
10.24 a.m.—E. Kern and B. J. Lamm.
10.28 a.m.—B. Taplin and F. Black.
10.32 a.m.—J. C. Kye and D. Beath.
10.36 a.m.—C. L. Sandes and T. G. Bennett.
10.40 a.m.—I. H. Geare and L. H. Ruffin.
10.44 a.m.—C. T. Fowle and P. F. le Fevre.
10.48 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and J. S. Drummond.
10.52 a.m.—S. J. H. Fox and A. D. Coppin.
10.56 a.m.—G. W. Garrett and M. D. Scott.
11.00 a.m.—M. B. Mathews and H. V. Parker.
11.04 a.m.—A. C. Meredith and E. D. Black.
11.08 a.m.—C. B. Riggs and J. B. Lanyon.
11.12 a.m.—W. Smalley and J. Jones.
11.16 a.m.—R. Stock and R. H. D. Wade.
11.20 a.m.—G. D. Mead and C. J. D. Law.
11.24 a.m.—K. K. Rounds and W. D. Harris.
11.28 a.m.—C. E. Moors and B. A. C. Hallows.
11.32 a.m.—L. R. Andrews and G. Davidson.
11.36 a.m.—N. K. Littlejohn and J. Forbes.
11.40 a.m.—S. T. Butlin and E. M. Bryden.
11.44 a.m.—J. S. Dykes and S. A. Seth.
11.48 a.m.—V. R. Gordon and J. R. Collis.
11.52 a.m.—T. G. Weall and J. P. Warren.
11.56 a.m.—H. G. Hegarty and L. G. S. Dodwell.
12.00 a.m.—E. Des Voeux and A. O. Brawn.
12.04 p.m.—W. J. Clarke and F. M. Ellis.
12.08 p.m.—A. E. Liesaman and D. S. Robb.
12.12 p.m.—A. B. Purves and E. D. Matthews.
12.16 p.m.—A. F. Judd and J. H. Ashworth.
12.20 p.m.—J. R. Ralkes and R. P. Moodie.
12.24 p.m.—W. G. Lorimer and H. R. C. Booth.
12.28 p.m.—D. J. Gilmore and A. Summerfelt.

RELIABILITY TRIAL.

LARGE NUMBER OF ENTRIES RECEIVED.

The Motor Cycle Reliability Trial which is to be held on January 30th promises to be a most successful event, a large number of entries having already been received. Those who have not yet returned their entry forms are reminded that entries close to-night. Forms should be sent in to Mr. H. G. Swinburne, S. C. M. Post.

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